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# New pensions windfall for 60,000

pensions mis-selling scandal are to receive extra compensation payments averaging £3,000 because of a blunder in the way their entitlements were

The additional payments, to up to 60,000 people, will add about 2200m to the pension industry's bill for clearing up the scandal. But it will also mean further delay of up to a year settling claims because of the mber of cases that now need

be reviewed. The Treasury's latest estimate puts the total cost of the DIANE COYLE

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600,000 victims, many of whom are already retired or have died, have been offered an average of £13,000 each in com-

But the watchdog conducting the review, the Financial Services Authority, has confirmed that many of them have been paid too little - because insurers failed to take account of changes in employment when they worked out the compensation.

The payments are designed to reimburse policy holders for

the employers' pension contributions that they missed out on by switching to a personal pension. More than £2.5bn has already been paid out.

But most payouts failed to take account of further losses accrued when victims changed jobs, thereby missing out on contributions from their new employer. Compensation was instead confined to the first job.

PricewaterhouseCoopers, one of the leading consultants helping insurers with the review, estimates that up to 60,000 cases will have to be reviewed. Payouts are likely to rise by 20 per cent each, or around £3,000.

years after the review began in October 1994.

After pressure from the industry, the regulator issued a bulletin instructing firms to revisit all cases where a change in job may have taken place since the review began. Ron Devlin, the FSA official

in charge of the review, said: "Without a doubt, further compensation could be payable to some investors. If that weren't the case we wouldn't be asking firms to revisit these cases." Joe Chiaro, a pensions review expert at Pricewater-

The FSA only clarified the houseCoopers, said 90 per cent rates – a key factor in deciding a nightmare from start to situation last month – four of firms involved would be sent how much compensation must finish." back to the drawing board. This would add up to a year to the time it will take to complete the review, he said.

"Every company that hasn't done this is going to have to revisit every case. Most of the companies involved in the review have not considered the new-employer scenario.

addressed, the more it will The industry fears the £11bn compensation bill will rise still

further because of the recent

plunge in long-term interest

"The longer the issue is not

Insurers are privately expressing anger at the way the issue has been handled by financial regulators. They believe the situation should have been clarified much earlier. Derek Adams, who heads a

forum for project managers working on the review, said: "The real difficulty is that few companies are going to have records of job changes. So you'll have the nonsense of phoning people up and asking if they

have changed jobs recently. "This whole thing has been

The pension mis-selling review, which began nearly four years ago, has been dogged by delay. More than 2 million people, including many nurses, teachers and local government staff, were wrongly advised between 1987 and 1994 to leave employers' pension schemes in

favour of a personal pension. After the election the Government stepped up the pres-sure on financial services firms which had mis-sold pensions to speed up compensation.

Companies which have missold personal pensions are refor any reasonably foreseeable

loss caused. Recently MPs on the Treasury select committee said the pay of sales staff at financial service firms depended too heavily on commissions. In a report published last month they urged the Financial Services Authority, the City regulator, to develop guidance so that excessive dependence on commission-

based selling can be reduced. The pension review is now due to go into its next phase. compensating younger victims of mis-selling whose cases were deemed less urgent.

# Hague's 'treachery' as Tory war intensifies

THE ROW over the future of the BY COLIN BROWN House of Lords last night plunged the Conservatives into open civil war between Tory peers and William Hague.

... The Tory bloodletting coned yesterday when Lord ieader of the Lords, accused Mr Hague's private office of trying borne, after Mr Hague sacked the Tory peer for negotiating with Mr Blair behind his back.

Lord Fraser, who resigned last week out of lovalty to Lord Cranborne, told The Independer 'ast night that he had is accusation on BBC te ....ion's Breakfast with Frost because he was aware that the Tory leadership was

continuing to accuse Lord Cranborne of treachery: He was dismayed by attempts to justify the sacking by weekend reports that after seeing Mr Blair at Downing Street Lord Cranborne met Alastaic Campbell, the Prime Minis-

ter's chief spin doctor, last Monday to discuss the presentation of the deal. "It's like saving he supped 'h the devil. He's not a friend င်း nine, but Alastair Campbell is not the devil incarnate." said Lord Fruser, "I am not interested in who Lord Cranborne

got a good deal." Lord Fraser and other Tory peers believe the attacks on Lord Cranborne were intended

negotiated with. The fact is he

to undermine the deal. But Tory peers made it plain to Mr Hague yesterday that their party leader holds no sway with them. Lord St John of Fawsiev, the former Tory leader of the Commons, and Lord Alexander of Weedon both out pressure on Mr Hague to

will allow 91 hereditary peers to

er of Carmyllie, who re- of it not going ahead unless aned last week as deputy Tory people behave with even greater stupidity than they have up until now," Lord St to "poison the reputation" of his John told the BBC's On the

to bring the Bill into the Comwhen it is tabled by Lord Weatherill, the former Tory speaker and chairman of the

55 life peers," said a source. but the sources said that even with the extra peers the Government would still not com-

Chief Political Correspondent

Michael Ancram, the Tory party chairman, said Lord Cranborne's deal could not be

ernment Bills. But there is now growing evidence that Tory ment to the Lords Reform Bill early in the new year.

crossbench peers in the Lords. Downing Street sources disclosed that the Government is

Tories, we would need an extra

keep roughly in line with the

remain in the Lords until longterm reforms are brought in. "There can be no question

peers, behind their new leader.

accepted because it implied dropping opposition to Gov-

Blair has been advised that it needs redrawing to make sure the amendment is in order,

The Government had boped mons before Christmas, but Mr

now seeking to create an extra 55 life peers - double the number originally planned - to compensate Labour for the new deal in which 91 of the hereditary peers would be allowed to keep their seats. "We have done the calculations and reckon that to

Lord Strathclyde, will ignore Mr Hague and support the deal when it is moved as an amend-

The move could open Mr Blair to accusations of flooding the Lords with new life peers, A SENIOR aide to Robin Cook is BY FRAN ABRAMS

running an all-party group of MPs together with a lobbyist who represents Gulf states with appalling human rights records,

The Independent has learned. The revelation that Ken Purchase, the Foreign Secretary's parliamentary private secretary, has given Omar Al Hassan access to Parliament raises serious concerns about Labour's "ethical" foreign policy.

Mr Al Hassan, who runs a group called the Gulf Centre for Strategic Studies, recently accompanied nine MPs on a trip to Bahrain. The country has had no democracy since 1975 and dissidents have been tormand a majority in the Lords. [ tured and murdered. In the

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Gulf lobbyist and Cook

late Eighties, Mr Al Hassan lobbied for Saddam Hussein On their return, the MPs received gifts of watches via Mr Purchase and were told it would

be discourteous to return them. Mr Al Hassan, a Palestinian, is administrator of the All-Party Bahrain Group, whose secre-tary is Mr Purchase. In 1983 he was dismissed from a job with the Arab League in London after £15.500 went missing. He now runs the Gulf Centre for Strategic Studies, which works in this country on behalf of the Bahrain government.

One MP described Mr Al



Ken Purchase: Concern Hassan as being "like Ian Greer without the laughs ...

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who went to Bahrain with Mr Purchase were Labour colleagues Lawrence Cunliffe; Lindsay Hoyle; Ashok Kumar, Dan Norris; Andy Love; and Claire Ward. The Tory MPNigel Evans and Liberal Democrat

Thai performers at the opening ceremony of the 13th Asian Games in Bangkok yesterday. Some 6,000 athletes from 43 nations will take part in the games Andrew Wong

Nigei Jones also went. Mr Al Hassan said he had been wrongly dismissed by the Arab League and was the victim of a "political conspiracy". He said there was no shame in having lobbied for Iraq during

the Eighties. Mr Purchase said Bahrain had made immense steps in improving human rights and Mr

viving family members.

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# John and Yoko joined in bed by Chris Evans

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Dead relebrities can command big bucks, as advertisers are discovering, and the latest digital technology is enabling

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Evans is taken back to Lennon's famous peace protest in Amsterdam when he spent

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# Short: 'I'm no saleswoman'

CLARE SHORT sparked con- By Colin Brown troversy yet again yesterday when she said she had refused to lobby for British companies seeking deals with China on a recent trip because it was not her duty to try to win British firms contracts abroad.

The remarks by the International Development Secretary appear to clash with Tony Blair's appointment of Michael Heseltine, the former cabinet minister, to spearhead British export might be used for foreign agefforts to China's opening market. They are likely to anger British exporters struggling to find markets abroad.

Ms Short told ITV's Dimbleby programme that during her recent trip to China, her officials asked her to try to win business for British firms. "Within my briefing there was some suggestion I might raise the odd contract that was around. I didn't bother." She added: "Perhaps I shouldn't say that."

But she had raised the question of human rights in China. "My job is the human rights of the poorest people in the

She also revealed she had intervened to try to block British **Chief Political Correspondent** 

arms sales abroad, on humanitrian grounds. Her department has been given new powers to object to proposed arms exports, normally the responsibility of the Foreign Office and the Department of Trade and Industry. Ms Short said she was allowed to object on the grounds the weapons gression, internal repression or because the money would be better spent on the poor.

The Tory Party accused Ms Short of dropping "another clumsy clanger". Gary Streeter, the shadow minister for International Development, called for a public apology.

The Confederation of British Industry was more restrained. A spokeswoman said: "The Prime Minister's visit to China in October was heavily trade-oriented... The CBI sees the role of the Prime Minister and other ministers as facilitators in building and developing trade between the UK and China. It does not look to them to promote individual companies or deals."

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A young sledger making the most of the overnight snow at Falsgrave Park in Scarborough, North Yorkshire Tony Burthol

YESTERDAY

For 24hrs to 2pm Sunday

# Coma fears for hunger strike activist

BARRY HORNE, the animal By VANESSA THORPE rights activist, was on the edge of a coma last night as day 62 of

his hunger strike approached. Horne, who is serving an 18 year sentence for a series of fire-bombings, said yesterday that he was starving himself to death "for every animal in every torture lab".

The 46-year-old former dustman is being treated in York District hospital, but his condition has deteriorated rapidly over the past three days.

He began his strike on 6 October at Full Sutton prison, claiming that the Government had broken a manifesto promise to reduce animal experimentation. This is Horne's third hunger strike since his conviction last year. This time though, he has made it clear he does not

want medical assistance to prolong his life.

Last night, a Home Office spokesman confirmed that Horne's condition was "serious, but still stable". Although he is having diffi-

culty breathing and has lost all hearing in one ear, over the weekend he communicated his resolution to die if necessary. His weight has gone down to 8st and doctors believe that even if he began to eat, his chances of survival would be slim.

Animals Betrayed Coalition group have issued a statement saying that a medical examination has established the damaging effect of his actions. In addition to suffering deafness. Horne is blind in one eye and has blurred vision in the other. His liver function has been badly damaged, and he is se-

verely dehydrated. The coalition group said it will continue to press the Government over Horne's call for a Royal Commission, or an equivalent independent investigation into animal experiments "right up to the end".

"If the Government announces that a Royal Commission or similar independent body is to be established before the next election, at a date to be

agreed, Barry will end his hunger strike immediately," it said. The Government has said it will not respond to blackmail.

Horne, who says he does not condone violence, has compared animal experimentation with the atrocities carried out. by the Nazis and argues that aggressive resistance is sometimes justified.

Serving the harshest sentence handed down to an animal rights protester, he was being held in one of Britain's highest security prisons following a fire-bombing cam-Horne's supporters in the paign which struck shops in the south and west of England and the Isle of Wight. Police expect an escalation of animal rights protests if Horne dies, and the Animal Rights Militia has put out a hit list of 10 people it says will be assassinated.

One of four named targets on the list is Christopher Brown, who breeds cats for experimentation at Hillgrove Farm in Oxfordshire. The others, all involved in medical research, are Professor Colin Blakemore, of Oxford University; Clive Page, of King's College, London; and Dr Mark Matfield, of

the Research Defence Society. All four have been alerted by Metropolitan Police Special Branch officers.

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# Moon today

SE England, London, E Angila, E Midlands, NE & E England: Cold with morning snow flurries, but becoming milder and drier later. A light westerly to south-westerly wind. Max. temps 3-6C (37-43F).

Cent S & MW & Cent N England, W Midlands, N Wales, Lake Dist, Isle of Man: Early patchy sleet or light rain, but becoming milder with more rain threat ening by evening. A freshening south-westerly wind. Max temps 4-7C [39-45F]. nnel Is, SW England, S Wales: Generally cloudy with patchy drizzle and hill More persistent rain developing later. A freshering south-westerly wind.

N Ireland, Republic of Ireland: Cloudy and becoming windy with periods of rain lasting throughout much of the day. A fresh to strong southerly wind. Max temps 9-11C (48-52F). SE & NE Scotland, Edinburgh, Aberdeen: Snow developing, becoming mili with rain later. A freshening south-westerly wind. Max temps 3-6C (37-43F).

N Isles: Mainly dry, but cold with rain the westerly wind. Max temps 4-6C (39-43F). OUTLOOK

Milder everywhere on Tuesday with early rain clearing eastern areas leaving a breezy day with sun and showers. Wednesday looks like starting dry in many cer-tral and eastern areas, but wet and windy weather will spread in during the day.

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MEXICO CITY authorities extended a smog alert for the third successive day yesterday and tightened restrictions on car use in a bid to cut pollution

The sprawling metropolis, home to 18 million people, often has severe air pollution due to exhausts from three million cars and hundreds of factories trapped in a bowlvalley 7,350ft shaped (2,250m) above sea level.



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THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Chile 'will not try Pinochet' A GROUP of Chilean public fig- BY KIM SENGUPTA

ures with links to the Santiago government yesterday urged Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, not to be hoodwinked into believing Augusto Pinochet will face justice in his home country if he is sent back.

At the same time the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, made up of international jurists, told Britain it would breach the Convention Against Torture, which it has signed, if it refused to extradite the former dictator to Spain on charges of genocide, terrorism and torture.

The lobbying over General Pinochet escalated with the decision by Mr Straw this week on extradition. On a recent visit to Britain, Jose Miguel Insulza, the Chilean Foreign Minister, pressed for legal proceedings to be aborted and for General Pinochet to be freed, with the prospect of facing trial at home on charges of human-rights abuses. He said Chile already has a truth and reconciliation commission looking at these is-

But a group of academics and civil servants, including one involved in the truth commission and a former chief of staff of the centre-right Christian Democrats, said in a letter to a British newspaper that this was a false premise and that General Pinochet wili walk free. They also deny his trial will endanger democracy in Chile."

The letter, signed by among others, Tomas Vial, formerly with the truth commission, and Sergio Espejo, former chief of staff to the presidency of the Christian Democrats, said the alleged mass-murderer had given himself amnesty. Sir Norman Fowler, Tory

home-affairs spokesman, criticised Mr Straw's decision to let the law take its course.

But a visiting Chilean MP and advocate of freeing General Pinochet said: "It's only after coming over here that I realise how little influence the Conservatives have. What we need to do is convince the Labour Party of our case."



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# Strange ethics that makes friends with a state that tortures children



MINISTERS have maintained close contact with their counterparts in Bahrain despite the country's record of torture and extra-judicial killings.

The warm relations between Britain and the Gulf state raise fresh questions about the new "ethical dimension" which Robin Cook has introduced into Britain's foreign policy.

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Defence ministers meet reglarly through a body called the hrain British Defence Com-Littee. Britain has 85 defence staff based in Bahrain and members of the country's armed forces are invited to defence colleges in this country for training.

Bahrain was among a number of countries whose governments were invited to the Farnborough arms fair this year. In the 12 months after Labour won last year's general election, 24 export licences were granted for weapons to Bahrain Exactly what has been sent is not clear but categories of arms approved for sale in-'ude the groups which cover tall arms, armoured vehiand surveillance systems.

A European Parliament resolution has called on EU member states to refrain from supplying arms or security support to the Government of

The country, which is a former British colony, has maintained close links with the UK in many ways. For years, the head of security in Bahrain was a Scot, Ian Henderson, who was responsible for pris-Fir British ex-serviceman, Colonel Thomas Bryan, has from suspected dissidents. The to his family, and he was buried



By Fran Abrams Westminster Correspondent

taken his place. The Minister of the Interior recently appointed a British solicitor David Jump. as his legal adviser on human rights issues.

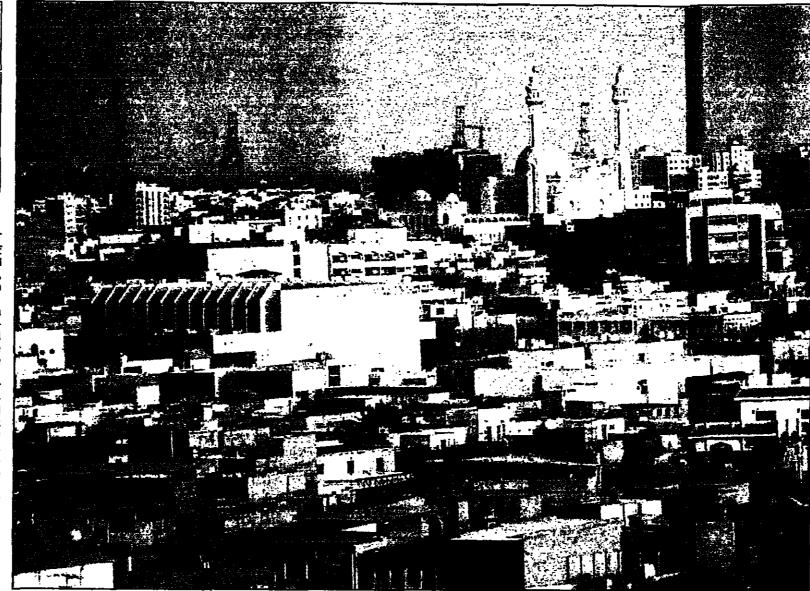
If Nato had gone ahead with bombing raids on Iraq this autumn. British Tornados would have taken off from an air base in Bahrain, where they are stationed.

The Foreign Office minister with responsibility for the Middle East, Derek Fatchett, told the House of Commons last year that campaigners for democracy in Bahrain were "moderate people with a moderate set of demands". He also raised the issue of human rights in meetings with the Bahraini ambassador and other senior figures.

However, close links which existed under the Conservative government still continue. As we report on page one today, a lobbyist, Omar Al Hassan, now administers the All-Party Bahrain Group in the House of Commons and recently took nine MPs there on a trip.

Although there have been some violent terrorist attacks in Bahrain, most pro-democracy campaigners say they would not condone such acts. They want a restoration of the country's partially elected assembly, which was dissolved in 1975, but a petition signed by 25,000 people has brought little change.

Bahrain has signed the UN Convention Against Torture. He has now retired and an but brutal treatment is still



Bahrain, above, enjoys close ties with the UK despite its human rights record. Above left, lobbyist Omar Al Hassan

Juliet Coombe/Rex

While the decision could not

3,000 people were detained, but only 117 were convicted. Some 1,500 of them were still in detention at the end of the year.

Many of those held are children - for example two 12year-old boys were arrested, beaten up and released in September this year. Their parents were not told where they were. In July a 22-year-old, Nooh Khalil Abdulla al-Nooh, was arrested. Two days later his muused to extract confessions tilated body was handed back

mated that in 1996 more than fered the same fate three years

Human rights abuses in Bahrain have been documented by Amnesty International, the US State Department, the Red Cross and the Human Rights Watch group.

Mr Al Hassan, the lobbyist for Bahrain who runs the Gulf Centre for Strategic Studies, said 41 deaths in four years was no worse than the records of Britain, Ireland or the United

US state department has esti- next to Saeed al-Iskafi, who suf- terrorists. They do everything against their country. They are co-operating with extremists in Iran and other places," he said.

A spokesman for the Bahrain Freedom Movement said Britain's close relations with Bahrain should be used to apply pressure.

"So far we have seen some good statements from the Foreign Office and especially Derek Fatchett, but apart from that no tangible action has been recorded," he said.

Earlier this year Bahrain's ambassador to the UK, Abdul Aziz Muburak al Khalifa, en-Downing Street advisers Roger Liddle and John Holmes. gaged the British lobbyist Sir Tim Bell to co-ordinate protests to the Labour government after be reversed, the Government should be told how Bahrain it granted asylum to three

Bahraini dissidents In a memo to the ambassador, Sir Tim said the Foreign Office was "acutely embarrassed" by the Home Office decision but could do little

about it. should use all their contacts to seek meetings with influential figures, including the Home

Secretary, Jack Straw, and the

opening up dialogue with organisations including the Red Cross and Amnesty Interna-A new, more open approach He suggested the Bahrainis had also included the organi-

sation of fact-finding trips to

Bahrain by British MPs "which

have been positively received

by all involved", the memo said.

had responded to Britain's

more ethical foreign policy by

### DETAINED BY STATE

Sheikh Abdul Amir al-Jamri, an elected member of Bahrain's dissolved national assembly and informal head of the country's most broadly based opposition group, the Bahrain Freedom Movement, has been imprisoned without charge since January 1996. A government official said there was proof his group was involved in a bombing. but three years later he has not been formally accused of any crime. His family have been allowed just a few brief visits.

Maryam As'ld al-Aradi, aged 20, was arrested last month with two other women. Salwa Hassan Haldar and Hanan Salman Haidar, both 30. The women have been held incommunicado since security forces ransacked

Salwa Hassan Haldar is reported by Amnesty International to have been beaten on the soles of her feet and suspended by her limbs. It is thought that the women and other detainees may have been used as "hostages" for relatives sought by the authorities.

Muhammad Ali Muhammad-'lkri, now 17, was arrested for the third time last month. His family has been denied access and Amnesty International fears he may be suffering torture and abuse. The teenager was first taken in at the age of 14, accused of throwing a petrol bomb. He was sentenced to 10 years, which was overturned. In February he was arrested again, and released a month later. FRAN ABRAHAMS

# Globe's Cleopatra will be artistic director in drag

BY DAVID LISTER Arts News Editor

MARK RYLANCE, the artistic director of Shakespeare's Globe, is to cast himself as Cleopatra as the highlight of the theatre's

The 37-year-old actor will

wear handmade costumes to play the role - the first time in living memory a mature male has played it for an internationally famous company. Mr Rylance's decision to pay the passionate Egyptian

queen will have considerable reverberations in theatrical and scholarly circles. It will also be seized upon with differing levels of approval by actors and actresses in Britain. Leading actresses may be fu- a fantastic role."

rious they are being deprived of one of Shakespeare's greatest roles, while a number of actors will see Mr Rylance's initiative as a sign that attitudes to gender on the stage may be un- associate said: "Mark will cerdergoing a significant change.

The Royal Shakespeare Company actor Antony Sher, 49. authentic, made by hand. It's a ays he is also keen to play leopatra, but was told by RSC artistic director Adrian Noble



was allowed to do so."Cleopatra used to be played by a chap," said Mr Sher, "and it is

Mr Rylance, who is not officially announcing the Globe when the box office opens, refused to comment. But a close tainly be dressed up as a woman and the costume will be part he has always wanted to

that he would be lynched by a have to be the right kind of dozen leading actresses if he macho. They are such a pas-

"But Mark has a sensitivity about him that will help, and a voice that is not very low." A spokeswoman for the Globe said: "It is part of the pol-1999 season until February icy of the Globe that we explore

original playing practices." However, while it is often cited that males played females on the stage in Shakespeare's time, they were boys, not men - as in the Globe's Henry V this summer. And those were not play. But it will be difficult to find large roles. To have a 37-yearthe right Antony. He is going to old man play Cleopatra is a

major theatrical departure. There have been some rare occasions in the 20th century of men playing women in Shakespeare. The company Cheek by Jowl put on an-all male As You Like It three years ago, with Adrian Lester playing Rosalind. There was also an allmale As You Like It at the National Theatre in the late Sixties when Laurence Olivier was director.

But actresses often resent the parts being taken from them. Dame Maggie Smith once said the all-male production was one of the reasons she left the National Theatre. "I had been promised Rosalind,' she said. "I hung on there to play it. Then they gave it to a man! So I took the hint and left."

Mr Rylance, who is a cult figure among theatregoers, is likely to draw record audiences to Shakespeare's Globe next summer.

No one has yet been cast to play his Antony. Whoever he is, it will be a performance to remember. A Globe source said that despite the unusual casting, the production will be





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A piece of crossdressing too far. The Hollywood actress stretched audience tolerance beyond the limit when she played milet on stage 1971 at the age of 73. In New York she was booed off.



West End in 1899 at the age of 55. Audiences sat in silence but Critic Max Beerbohm said he refrained from laughing only out of concern for the national reputation for good manners".



Kathryn Hunter Played King Lear to acclaim last year, saying it was a fantasy fulfilled. "I've had this wish since I was 13 to play Lear ... when I heard my teacher read the play; she had this vast bosom heaving with emotion.



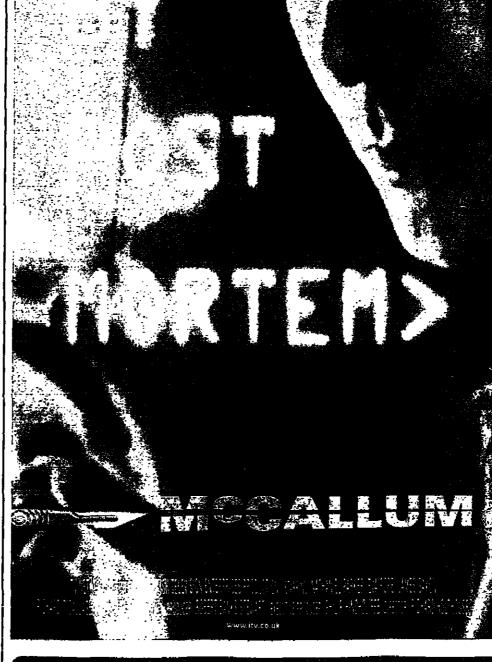
The 6ft actor, now in the film Primary Colors, played Rosalind in Cheek By Jowl's all male As You Like It in 1995. The late critic Jack Tinker enthused about his transformation into "a capricious schoolgiri".



Award-winning Irish-born actress played Richard II with great success at the National in 1995, but said she would never play character of opposite sex where a passionate relationship was involved.



Soon to play Cleopatra, she took on Hamiet in 1979, but not to explore her male side. "I just wanted to play the universal person, a young, vulnerable. screwed-up rebel without a



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# Pan Am two handed over in fortnight's sengupta 'in fortnight'

BRITAIN, THE US and relatives of the victims of the Lockerbie bombing were last night clinging to hopes that the two Libyan suspects could yet be handed over before the 10th anniversary of the bombing in a fortnight's time, despite this weekend's inconclusive trip to Libya by Kofi Annan, the United Nations Secretary-General

Speaking after a 90-minute meeting with Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi in the Libyan desert near Sirte, Mr Annan praised the Libyans as "serious" in wanting to settle the affair, and predicted they might do so "in the not too distant future". Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, took a simlar line after hearing a report of the meeting from Mr Annan, proclaiming he felt "qualified optimism" about the outcome of the weekend mission.

Tripoli also indicated that a deal was possible. The Libyan justified. He continued: "The Foreign Minister, Omar al-Muntassar, said following talks with Mr Annan: "I am sure that the efforts of the Secretary-General will show positive results very soon."

Even so, the failure finally to secure the handover of Abdel Basset Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah, the two Libyan intelligence operatives accused of planting the bomb aboard an Am Flight 103, has been a appointment - especially for Mr Annan who went to Libya only after an assurance he would leave with a cast iron agreement the two men would be surrendered to face justice in a court in The Hague.



Abdel Basset Megrahi (left) and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah, accused of planting the bomb on Pan Am Flight 103

Dr Jim Swire, spokesman for the British families who lost relations at Lockerbie, said he was delighted Mr Annan and Colonel Gaddafi had met, adding that , some of the Libyan complaints over the issue were main thing is that the two men did meet because Gaddafi is busy saying he fears a trick and that he also feels that his country has been left out of negotiations about the trial, which is true, they have. What he needs, think, is reassurance that this really is an offer of a fair trial and I can't think of anyone better than Kofi Annan to give

that reassurance." again, Colonel Gaddafi's mind has proved unreadable, despite Tripoli's agreement in principle to last summer's Anglo-American offer of a trial in a third country under Scottish law, and with Scottish judges.

The one ostensible sticking point now is Britain's insistence that if convicted, the suspects should serve their sentences in a Scottish jail. Despite Britain's promise of unlimited consular access for them, Libya continues to object to this condition. Yesterday, Mr Cook once again insisted there could be no compromise on the place of imprisonment. Mr Cook said: "The crime

was committed in Scotland, logically the place they should serve their sentence is Scotland. We have no objection to the United Nations or Libya sending any number of observers to make sure that the standards are humane and people are properly looked after." The Foreign Secretary also

said he hoped the trial, at a specially built courtroom, could begin on 21 December, the 10th anniversary of the bombing. The matter could be re-

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Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-General (left), and Muammar Gaddafi meeting in the Libyan desert

solved by next Sunday, after this week's meeting of Libya's Genvinced Tripoli wants to clinch a eral People's Congress, or parliament. According to UN Mr Montasser promised Mr Annan he would ask the Congress to approve the deal during its five-day session which starts tomorrow. Dr Swire said he was still hope-

deal, and thus end the sanctions which have largely isolated Col Gadaffi's country. Optimists believe that the latest delay is merely to save the Libvan leader from the perceived humiliation of a direct personal climbdown. In fact the Peoful of a solution "within weeks". ple's Congress always decides Despite the setback, London

After his face-to-face talks Foley, said the United States with Col Gaddafi, Mr Annan was typically unflappable. "I think it was a positive development," he said of the meeting. "But in all these things you have to wait for others to do what they have to do and for you to have something concrete before you can claim victory.

in Washington, the State Department spokesman, James

was "disappointed" that Libya had not complied with UN Security Council resolutions. He said: "Compliance means the turnover of the two suspects for trial. It's been almost ten years since the Pan Am 103 tragedy. could begin on 21 December,

this has gone on too long." the 10th anniversary of the

# Government ditches care in the community covers those with untreatable turn to locking people up in or flats with little back-up sup- dreds of unnecessary deaths they have worked," she said.

munity tomorrow, taking thou-sands of mentally ill people off the streets and forcing them to comply with treatment.

Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, will publish the longawaited White Paper on mental health designed to improve supervision of those with mentai health problems and make 24-hour care available. 🚁 is believed he will annotince funding of £185m from

ZHE GOVERNMENT reverses By GLENDA COOPER

the health service to cover the plans. Key reforms include more "acute" and "secure" beds in psychiatric hospitals, more trained staff and the in-

troduction of a 24-hour helpline. One of the more controversial plans gives doctors the power to force patients who refuse to comply with treatment

to be re-admitted to hospital. The Government also wants

Mental Health Act only covers those with "treatable" conditions. This would cover people like Michael Stone, convicted of the murders of Lin and Megan Russell, who suffered from a

psychopathic disorder. In July when Mr Dobson announced reform of the Act. he promised a "root and branch" review because the Act was "based on the needs and therapies of a bygone age". While

that too many people had been left "wandering the streets".

The proposals signal an end to the care in the community policy, which has been criticised after a succession of high-profile inquiries, such as into the killing of Jonathan Zito by Christopher Clunis, a paranoid schizophrenic, at a London Un-

derground station in 1992. Since 1980, 50,000 psychiatric beds have been closed,

charity Sane estimates a homicide is committed by a mentally ill person every week. About 1,000 mentally ill people commit

suicides every year. Marjorie Wallace, the chief executive of Sane, said yesterday health officials had been left with "blood on their hands" by continuing with the policy of community care and closing psychiatric hospitals. "Now we will have a chance to reverse this policy which has led to hun-

patients, their families and the public. Accepting that so many people have been failed is a major victory," Ms Wallace said.

But a spokeswoman for the charity Mind said that while it welcomed more 24-hour care, it disputed that care in the community had failed. "Community care has been woefully underfunded and there have been some dramatic failings but there have been quality and properly funded services and

compulsory treatment. "It is people at ground level who will have to deal with this - psychiatric nurses and social workers and they have already said it won't work."

The National Schizophrenia Fellowship said the money earmarked for reforms was "only a third" of what was needed.

A spokesman for the Department of Health said that he could not comment until the paper was published.

# Rugby deals worry OFT

By MICHAEL HARRISON

THE OFFICE of Fair Trading is considering launching an investigation into rugby amid concern over the way rights to televise the game and sell tickets are handled.

The investigation is likely to encompass both rugby union and rugby league, which have been heavily commercialised over the last few years following the success of World Cup tournaments and the growth in pay television coverage.

The director general of Fair Trading, John Bridgeman, himself a keen rugby union fan, is known to be concerned at the lack of competition in the auctioning of television rights.

There is also concern over the granting of exclusive rights to sports agents to sell tickets and hospitality packages to international matches and the way merchandise is sold within rugby grounds.

Rupert Murdoch's BSkvB has a stranglehold on the televising of both sports. BSkyB signed an exclusive deal worth £87.5m with the Rugby Football Union in 1996 allowing it to screen all England's home matches at Twickenham, with the exception of World Cup games, for the next five years.

Rugby league's Superleague meanwhile agreed an exclusive £89m, five-year deal with BSkyB in 1995. BSkyB subsequently paid a further £59m to extend the agreement until 2003. There are 12 teams in the Superleague but this will rise to 14 next season.

The OFT is bringing a case through the Restrictive Practices Court against the Football League over its granting of exclusive rights to Rupert Murdoch's BSkyB to televise Premier League matches. Similar action may be taken in respect of rugby.

Mr Murdoch also has the exclusive rights to televise all English club rugby matches following a £7.5m deal signed in

The agreement with the RFU over Twickenham internationals almost led to England being thrown out of the Five Nations championship by Scotland, Wales, Ireland and France The dispute was settled after

England agreed to give the other nations a share of its income from BSkyB.

Earlier this year, the Rugby Football League was ordered by the Restrictive Practices Court to notify the OFT in advance of any exclusive agreements it makes in respect of ticket sales and hotel and travel arrangements for matches.

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### social services and £470m from to change legislation so that it pledging this did not mean a releaving many to live in hostels

### IN BRIEF

### Holiday blast victims named

TWO BRITISH men injured seriously in a gas explosion in a Tenerife holiday apartment on Saturday were named yesterday as Melbourne David Thomas, 51, and Eric Stevens, 41, both from the Manchester area. They both suffered burns to 80 to 90 per cent of their bodies.

### Firms face skills shortage

THE SHORTAGE of skilled staff is getting worse, according to a survey of 373 organisations by the recruitment firm Reed Personnel Services. Among the skilled workers in demand are computer experts, finance professionals, accountants and engineers.

### Man dies after parachute fails

A MAN died when his parachute failed to open properly during a jump and he crashed into a field yesterday. The unnamed 29-year-old from the West Midlands. plunged to the ground during the jump with the North London Parachute Club in March, Cambridgeshire.

### Ballooning bid across the Andes

POLAR EXPLORER David Hempleman-Adams hopes for lift-off today in his delayed pioneer bid to cross the Andes in a balloon. Mr Hempleman-Adams, 42, from near Bath, has been grounded since Wednesday. He plans two 120mile flights, 20-30,00 ft above the South American range.

### Strewth mate, it's cockney

AUSTRALIANS ARE borrowing cockney rhyming slang. Visiting Britons can expect to hear Sydney referred to as "steak and kidney", while the missus (wife) becomes "cheese and kisses". The phrases are detailed in the new Australian Phrasebook, from Lonely Planet.

### Two share lottery jackpot

TWO TICKET holders won £3,627,226 each after sharing Saturday's £7.2m National Lottery jackpot. The winning numbers were 4, 7, 23, 26, 27, and 35. The bonus number

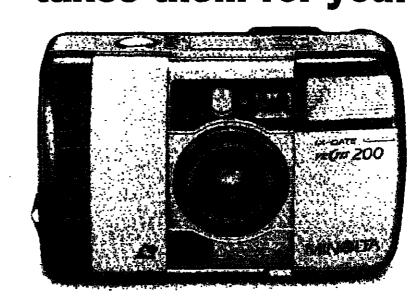
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# Women shun elite police jobs

making more crime-beating arrests than their male counterparts but are not joining elite squads, according to new

To the consternation of senior officers, policewomen are not applying for posts in firearms groups, marine units and fast vehicle response teams because they are repelled by their "entrenched culture of masculinity".

The findings come in the biggest-ever study of the role of women in British policing. which will force chief constables into a major re-think of their equal opportunities policies.

The research reveals that women officers working in a high-crime area of Newcastle upon Tyne arrested on average more dangerous house-breakers, car thieves and joy-riders than male officers.

The study's author, Louise Westmarland, a lecturer in criminology at the University of Teesside, said her findings dispelled the myth that women were allocated to quiet beats.

She said: "The men were getting more arrests for 'noncrimes' like not having a taxdisc but the women were getting more of what are known in police circles as a 'good pinch', the aggravated burglars and car thieves.

Dr Westmarland's threeyear publicly-funded study involved a year spent shadowing officers in the Northumbria and Durham forces.

She found that the deeprooted sexism, for which the police service has long been criticised, had been replaced by more subtle limitations on the career-paths of women.

Because of a scarcity of resources and the use of computers in allocating officers to jobs, uniformed women officers are likely to be given the same patrolling tasks as men.

But the opportunities for promotion are still marked out in terms of gender. While women officers were happy to Family Protection unit, or more

Home Affairs Correspondent

partment, the "guns, cars and horses" were still seen as a male domain, said Dr Westmarland.

"It's not the old story of a sexist conspiracy," she said "In actual fact the reverse is true. The managers would love to see more women in these posts but the current culture in these units is attractive to men and unattractive to women."

She explained that the modern police ethos of "service" instead of "force" had ushered in a feminisation of the police with more emphasis on community care and "less on breaking down doors".

The process had driven some male officers to seek out masculine havens where they could practise traditional male pursuits of shooting, driving and chasing.

She said: "These men don't have to cope with the force being more feminized. They can continue to exist in an exclusively male enclave."

Dr Westmarland, whose research will be published as a book in the new year, said only radical measures to break-up this entrenched culture would encourage women into the specialist branches of work

Her report states that females comprised only 3% of Northumbria's specialist units although they made up 14% of the force. Only one of the 12 firearms officers was a woman and only three of the 160 traffic officers.

The only armed female officer was described by colleagues as "just like one of the lads". Others were concerned by the idea of a female boss. One constable said: "What you don't need is someone who is supposed to be in charge of a firearms incident, way out of her depth, not knowing what to do, her voice going higher and higher, about to burst into tears - it's putting everyone at risk."

Traffic officers recounted a further their careers by applying for jobs in the Child and and a half stone in her nylons" who handcuffed an 18-stone office-based sections like the miner, only to be picked up and



Inspector Cydena Fleming was subjected to a 'vendetta' by male colleagues and has won her industrial tribunal case

# They tried to ruin my reputation

CYDENA FLEMING took only By IAN BURRELL eight years to rise through the ranks from constable to inspector due to what her promotion board described as her "exceptional level of perfor-

But when she was placed in charge of Gainsborough police station she found herself the subject of deep resentment.

Anonymous telephone calls were made to her superiors claiming that she was having affairs with her colleagues. Social services were even informed that Insp Fleming was neglecting her two children.

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police's grievance procedure to register her distress at what she later described as "dripping poison" but was rebuffed.

Insp Fleming wrote in her pocket book: "I strongly believe there is a positive attempt to discredit me and ruin my reputation." According to her barrister Robin Allen QC, her colleagues were "determined to be rid of her".

He said: "One ffirted with her another was obsessed. She received abuse from other remarkable person to survive her husband's flat. In February the animosity and ostracism she faced."

and placed a voice-activated tape recorder in her locker room to gather evidence of the ment but has taken up a post harassment. But when the recorder was discovered; her superiors decided that she was not the victim but the culprit. investigation into her treat-She was suspended on the ment and promptly offered her grounds of "oppressive a job behaviour". The

cused of custody offenses, maksergeants and a great deal of ing false entries in her pocket Today magazine by senior

this year, an industrial tribunal ruled that she had been sub-Insp Fleming, 40, lodged a jected to a vendetta by male claim for sex discrimination colleagues.

She has been paid compensation and offered reinstatewith Humberside police, which was called in to conduct a Police Complaints Authority

The difficulties faced by Insp Insp Fleming was also ac- Fleming are illustrative of recent warnings in Policing

ken out against the discrimi-nation suffered by females who try to rise through the ranks. Elizabeth Neville, Chief Constable of Wiltshire, said there remained a widespread fear that pregnancy would under-

mine a woman's promotion

chances.

Acting Assistant Commissioner Judy Davison, of the City of London Police, was especially concerned by the lack of women working in the traffic or armed response sections. "Family responsibilities, encouragement, personal choice and childcare may all be inhibiting factors." she said.

# Fears grow on railway safety

Transport Correspondent

A POWERFUL cross-party committee of MPs will this week raise serious concerns over the level of safety on Britain's railways. The report by the Commons Select Committee on Environment, Transport and the Regions comes as concern mounts over safety and vandalism of the track network.

The committee took evidence over the summer from Railtrack and the companies that carry out maintenance work as well as the British Transport Police, the Health and Safety Executive and experts on risk management.

The report will be published on Wednesday, the day before Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Railways produces its annual report for the period that includes the Southall rail crash.

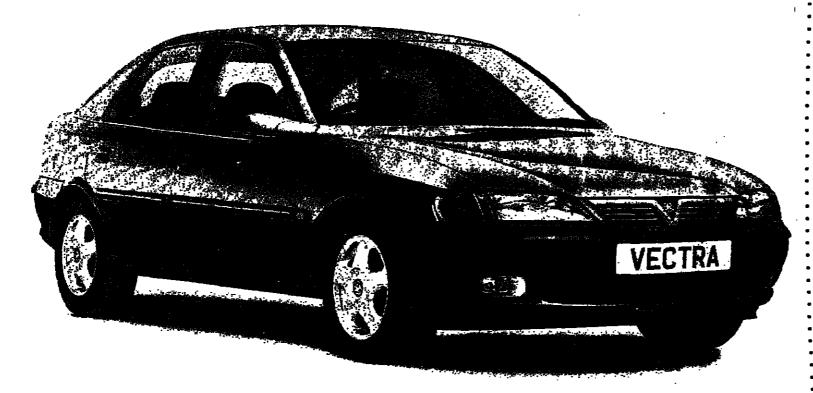
The HMRI report will show that the number of serious accidents is still down but that the number of people killed rose be-cause of Southall, in which seven people died and 147 were injured Great Western Trains and the train driver have been charged with manslaughter.

The industry is also preparing for the 10th anniversary on Saturday of the Clapham train crash, in which 35 people died. Faulty signalling was blamed for the accident in which a commuter train ran into the back of another train.

An official accident report made 93 recommendations, including the provision within five years across the network of automatic train protection (ATP), an in-cab commuter system which automatically prevents trains going through danger signals. But plans to introduce ATP were abandoned when it was deemed too expensive.

There is growing concern over the levels of vandalism on the railway. A fortnight ago, a Euston to Inverness sleeper train hit two stolen vans on the

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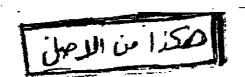


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# Sharp rise in BSE cases on the Continent

THE "unscientific and unnecessary" slaughter of thousands of cattle belonging to herds on mainland Europe where cases of BSE occur will cost the European Commission millions of pounds this year, new figures reveal.

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To attempt to allay consumer fears, entire herds, sometimes containing 200 cows, are slaughtered when a single case of "mad cow disease" is found. A 59-page report by the EC on BSE in Europe states that this will cost more than £100m this year, and probably the same in 1999.

So far this year, there has been a sharp rise in the number of cases of the disease, with 192 recorded in continental countries, including Switzer-land and even Liechtenstein.

The average herd size in the different countries means that the 177 BSE cases recorded in continental European Union countries have led to the slaughter of more than 9,000

But such measures are condemned by the EU. "It is not per herd. commission policy. Scientifically, there's no justification for doing it," said the spokesman for Franz Fischler, the agriculture commissioner "We have always argued that it is not necessary. A 'cohort' ap-

BY CHARLES ARTHUR Technology Editor

BSE CASES

Cases this yea number of cat	r (estimated tie killed):
UK	2,041
Portugal	80 (2,400)
irish Republic	73 (5,475)
France	15 (975)

(245)

have eaten the same infected meat and bone-meal, is far better. The animals in a single herd are of mixed age. They won't all necessarily be infected."

Netherlands 2 (200)

Liechtenstein 2 (n/a)

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In the United Kingdom, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Maff) has only ever required the slaughter of affected cattle, rather than herds or cohorts. Since BSE became notifiable in 1987, there has been a total of 172,000 cases in 34,000 different herds - an average of roughly five cattle

When the herds are killed after a case of BSE is found, the farmer receives the full market price for all the animals - half paid from national funds, and half from the EU.

Despite the measures, there proach, tracking down cows of are fears on the Continent that the same age from the same a BSE epidemic could be about starm, which logically would to start. Portugal, which has

# 'Ban antibiotics in all farming'

biotics should be banned and vets should receive less income from selling drugs to farmers, says the Soil Association in a new report today.

In an attack on the growing use of the drugs in agriculture, it points out that many cattle are fed antibiotics throughout mans. About a third goes to their lives, and that use of tetracycline and penicillin, two of the best-known ones, has increased by 1,500 per cent and 600 per cent in the past 30 years, even though it was supposed to fall.

"Pigs, poultry and even cattle are getting antibiotics on and daily basis, both to make am grow faster and in an at-tempt to control the diseases caused by intensive livestock production," said Richard Victoria St. Bristol BS1 6BY

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NON-MEDICAL use of anti- By CHARLES ARTHUR

Young, the association's policy co-ordinator. "Total use in farming is actually higher than in human medicine."

Of the 1,225 tons of antibiotics used annually in the UK, only 40 per cent goes to hufarm animals and a quarter on pets and horses. The result, says the report, is that "the use of antibiotics on farms is contributing to the problem of

antibiotic resistance". If bacteria acquire resistance to antibiotics then they would be useless to combat diseases in humans.

Use and Misuse of Antibiotics in UK Agriculture', Soil Association, Bristol House, 40-56

had 80 cases this year, has been banned from exporting its beef, putting it in the same position as Britain was until last month. The EU has also notified 12 countries - France Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Germany, Spain, Sweden, Finland, Italy, Portugal, Denmark and Greece - that they are breaching rules set up to avoid another epidemic.

Though the UK is still the country worst affected by the disease, with 2,041 cases this year, it does not slaughter berds when cases are found. The present UK total of cases is the lowest since 1988, two years after BSE was recognised as a new disease.



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# Tories face shaming on tobacco links nicotine gum and patches gen-

HEALTH MINISTERS are pre- BY COLIN BROWN pared to use a Labour Party dossier on the Tories' links with the tobacco industry to back its plans this week for a ban on tobacco advertising.

Senior Whitehall sources have told The Independent that they will attack prominent Conservatives for their close links with tobacco companies if the Tories try to oppose the proposals which Frank Dobson, the Secretary of State for Health, will outline in a White Paper.

Chief Political Correspondent

The Government is implementing an EU directive banning tobacco advertising on poster sites by 2000, a year ahead of the maximum allowed by the European agreement. But it is expected that some Tory MPs will oppose Britain replacing the voluntary code with a compulsory ban.

Although ministers are vulnerable over allowing spon-

by tobacco companies to continue until 2006, the Government is prepared to use the Labour dossier which names Kenneth Clarke, the former Chancellor, as the most prominent Tory link with the tobac-

Mr Clarke, a former health secretary, is the deputy chairman of British American Tobacco, a post thought to pay at least £75,000 a year.

co industry.

The leading spokesman for

sorship of Formula One racing the Tobacco Manufacturers Association is John Carlisle, the former outspoken right-wing Tory MP.

The dossier claims that the Tories received donations totalling £100,000 before the 1992 general election from Rothmans. More discreet payments have been made including £4,000 towards the right wing think-tank, the Centre for Pol-

icy Studies, by BAT Industries. Baroness Thatcher is also a consultant to Philip Morris, Greer Associates, the now defunct lobbying company which crashed after being implicated in the allegations of Tory cashfor-questions, also lobbied for Skoal Bandits before they were

banned in this country. The Conservatives were also handed key advertising posters sites reserved for the tobacco industry before the 1992 elec-

The Tories have said they will respond to curbs on ad-

the party's former spokesman on health, John Maples, said an EU-wide ban on all forms of tobacco advertising was "an unnecessary and potentially unworkable piece of legislation". Mr Dobson and Tessa Jow-

ell, the Public Health minister, will also accuse the tobacco industry of targeting young people with their campaigns.

They will propose new curbs on using fashion brand names to advertise cigarettes, and

manufacturer of Marlboro. Ian vertising on their merits, but propose a wide range of meathe habit. Family doctors will be encouraged to run clinics to help smokers stop, by issuing nicotine patches and chewing gum at cut-price rates, instead of the across-the-counter price

of £6 a pack. The measures will be aimed particularly at those on low incomes, who have proved resistant to health warnings about the dangers of smoking. Ministers feared making

tion would be too expensive. Curbs on smoking in the

workplace will be included in the package. Employees will be told they could be covered by the health and safety at work acts to stop smoking in small

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There will be no ban on. smoking in pubs and restaurants, but owners will be urged to provide more smoke-free

# New Labour pressure group modernises itself out of business

BY JOHN RENTOUL

THE PRESSURE group which paved the way for the creation of New Labour has been wound up because it was too successful. Following the election of the group's most famous member, Tony Blair, as Prime Minister last year, the Labour Co-ordinating Committee has decided to declare victory in its 20-year battle to modernise the party.

Meeting in a smoke-free room above a pub in Pimlico on Saturday, the remaining active members of the LCC decided to close the group down. "We have achieved most of the tasks we set for ourselves," declared the chair, Ben Lucas. It was set up in 1978 to bring together all the left-wing forces in the party and promote Tony Benn's leadership ambitions. But its priority quickly became the fight against Trotskyist infiltrators and, by the time Mr Blair was persuaded to join in 1982, it was organising the "soft left" - a sort of Third Way between hardline socialists and SDP defectors.

After the 1983 election, which brought Mr Blair into parliament, his wife, Cherie Booth, served for three years on the LCC executive as the organisation played an important role supporting Neil Kinnock's drive for party reform. Under John Smith it campaigned to end the trade union



Tony Blair (left), then trade spokesman, with protesting packers in 1988

block vote and bring in the one-member, one-vote system for choosing MPs.

But now it has fulfilled most of its aims and most of its leading members are in positions of power in government and industry and as lobbyists. The roli-call of apologies for absence at Saturday's meeting was like an archaeological dig through the layers of left-wing Labour factions over the past two decades: Barbara Castle, sacked from Jim Callaghan's Meacher a Bennite minister in organisations, he said.

the last Labour government and now Environment minister, Peter Hain, then a radical Bennite activist, now a Welsh Office minister. Even Ms Booth, in a discreet assertion of her right to a political mind of her own, sent word that she was sorry she could not be there.

Mr Lucas, now director of the New Labour lobbying company Lucas Lawson Mendelsohn, listed the group's achievements: "The LCC has run its course. Tony Blair is the most overtly modernising leader Labour has ever had and his government has set about the most radical constitutional change for a century. Labour is now more representative of its members and voters. Trotskyism has been reduced to a tiny and ineffective rump within

There were some doubts expressed. Paul Thompson, a professor at Edinburgh University and editor of the LCC journal Renewal, which is continuing, said the success of hard-left candidates in this year's ballot of party members for the National Executive was "really depressing". The LCC had paid the price for failing to oppose the party machine's "centralising tendencies". The fight within the Labour Party against the hard left would Cabinet in 1976; Michael have to be carried on by new



Harriet Harman (left), who was on the Labour Co-ordinating Committee, with striking nurses in London in 1988 eight months of this year.

# Fury at Straw's lorry fines

By MICHAEL CLARKE

ROAD HAULIERS vesterday hit back at Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, over plans to fine the drivers of lorries used by ille-

gal immigrants. Mr Straw said yesterday that drivers could virtually stop the stowaways overnight if they carried out simple checks on

their trucks. And he said he would go ahead with plans to fine truckers £2.000 if illegal immigrants

are found on their vehicles. The Road Haulage Association, representing lorry firms, condemned the plans as "out-

rageous and unworkable". You don't need to be a genius to work out that if hauliers are about to be fined every time they voluntarily approach the authorities and disclose the presence of illegal immigrants, they will simply resort to releasing the illegal immigrants without informing the police," a spokesman said.

He said the association still hoped to change ministers' minds. The level of fines suggested - £2.000 per illegal immigrant - could put some smaller truck firms out of business, he added.

But Mr Straw, writing in the News of the World, said almos: 5.000 people were found hidden in freight vehicles in the first

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# MPs prepare for fight over trade union rights

A SHOT will be fired across Peter Mandelson's bows this week by Labour MPs who fear the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry may further weaken the Government's commitment to giving trade unions the right to negotiate for their members.

A Cabinet committee is expected this week to agree the final detail of the controversial Fairness at Work Bill included in the Queen's Speech.

Mr Mandelson has gone a long way to meeting the demands of unions against the wishes of employers' organisations, but officers of the backbench trade union committee of Labour MPs who met Mr Mandelson last week are planning to table a Commons motion seeking further concessions.

Unions will be expected to meet a 50 per cent threshold in ballots before demanding recognition by employers and Mr Mandelson has dropped a proposal requiring those taking part in ballots to have been members of unions for at least

BY COLIN BROWN

are unhappy that the Central Arbitration Committee will be Mandelson's Bill to assess claims for automatic bargaining rights. They want its terms of reference to be tightly limited by the Bill.

"There is a lot of concern about the flexibility which Mr Mandelson is proposing," said a senior member of the Labour backbench group.

More than 70 MPs attended a meeting of Labour's backbench trade union committee to hear John Monks, the general secretary of the TUC, express his concern at the compromise being worked out by Mr Mandelson over the fair employment legislation.

"John Monks was given a good reception, but Peter Mandelson was not," said one senior Labour backbencher. "There is going to be a row over this."

The rumblings of backbench discontent emerged after Mr Mandelson sought to reassure the MPs that the principles



underpinning the White Paper on trade union recognition were being protected. But many MPs emerged from the meeting seeking stronger assurances that the Secretary of State is not ready to bow too much to the bosses.

Gerry Sutcliffe, Labour MP for Bradford South and chairman of the group, said the Commons motion which he will be tabling with senior backbench colleagues would welcome the Fairness at Work legislation but would urge the Cabinet to adhere to the principles in the White Paper on trade union recognition.

The MPs left the meeting with the firm view that many details of the legislation remain to be settled, and a Cabinet battle could be about to begin. They believe that John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, has been given assurances by Tony Blair that he will be involved in the final decisions, which the MPs regard as another reassurance that past pledges will be kept.

In a separate move, Harriet Harman, the former Social Security secretary, will also urge the Government to help fund more generous provisions for parental leave.

In her first moves since being sacked from the Cabinet, she will table a Commons motion today with Chris Pond, the Labour MP and former director of the Low Pay Unit, welcoming government action but making it clear that they want to see more financial help for parents taking leave to care for

# Spectre of Hollywood wives kills custody deal with US

MINISTERS HAVE turned down a deal with the United States government over custody cases because of fears that Hollywood wives would be able to ap-pear on legal aid in British courts.

The minister for the Lord Chancellor's office, Geoff Hoon, was tempted to go along with the deal, because it would have helped dozens of British families in "tug-of-love" cases in the

The sticking-point was a denand that, in return for makng it easier for Britons to seek By Colin Brown

courts, US citizens should be entitled to easier access to justice in the British courts, including legal aid.

The Government is limiting its availability but the US request raised the prospect of Hollywood wives with British connections using legal aid to sort out their arguments over

divorce in this country. "He thought long and hard about it before saying no, but in the end he had to turn it down,"

said a Whitehall source. The decision to turn down the US offer will disappoint lower courts, which can prove British families engaged in drawn-out custody battles for their children through the American courts.

They face daunting difficulties in going ahead with legal action in the US courts in the federal system, where state courts have responsibility for family law.

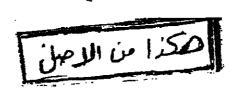
The US government, in private talks with the Lord Chancellor's office, offered to simplify the system by allowing Britons to seek justice through federal courts instead of negoexpensive.

The cases have included that of Sheehan and Conar Sidwell, who were snatched by their father and taken to Amer-

ica via London and Germany. Their mother, Kim, tracked them to Orlando and brought them home after a legal battle but was left with a £6,000 bill.

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Scrapping routine checks on passports of UK citizens leaving Britain has been blamed for a 58 per cent increase in parental abductions of children from this country to tiating through a maze of live abroad since 1995.



# New reading plan "staggeringly good'

NEW WAYS of teaching reading in Scotland are far more effective than those being promoted by the Government in England, a study to be published shortly shows.

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The findings are likely to embarrass ministers who plan to release research today proving that their new national literacy strategy is raising standards in reading.

The Scottish study, also funded partly by the Government, suggests that children's progress is much more rapid if different teaching methods ed in the national strategy far than those favoured by ministers are used.

David Blunkett, the Secrehas laid down teaching methods which schools should use in the daily literacy hour introduced in primary schools this term. The methods are not compulsory, but schools will be reprimanded for not using the techniques if their results do not come up to scratch.

But research from St Andrews University reveals that "analytic phonics", the method recommended for the literacy

By Judith Judd **Education Editor** 

hour, is much less successful in improving reading than "synthetic phonics".

The study, commissioned by Clackmannanshire Council and funded partly by the Scottish Office, involved 300 pupils and 13 classes in eight schools. Researchers Dr Rhona Johnston and Joyce Watson divided them into three groups. The group taught with synthetic phonics rather than methods advocatoutperformed the other groups.

After 16 weeks, children in the former group had reading tary of State for Education, ages which were, on average, seven months ahead of their chronological ages, while the latter groups had fallen slightly behind their chronological ages. By the end of the first year, the synthetic phonics group was a year ahead of its reading age and 14 months ahead in spelling.

in analytic phonics, children start with a word and break it becomes c-a-t - and they con-



Blunkett: Laid down Tess successful' methods

centrate on the initial letters of words. In synthetic phonics, they move much faster - they are taught the 42 letter sounds at six a day in eight days. At the same time, they are taught to identify letters in the initial, middle and final positions in words and to sound and blend words using magnetic letters.

Dr Johnston said: "Synthetic phonics is staggeringly effective. We have been using the

cy strategy in Scotland for three years. Three years ago, we would have said that we were very pleased with it. Now we are saying that you can do much better. The results were best in the most deprived schools and boys benefit just as much as girls.

The project had used the schools' own teachers who received two days' training and had involved no extra resources. Lorna Spence, head of Deer-

park primary school in Clackmannanshire - one of the schools which trialled synthetic phonics - said that the percentage of children reading at or above their chronological ages had risen from under half. to more than 93 per cent. The teacher remained the same.

Her school is in a mining village and nearly a third of the children come from households where no one has a job. Fortyfive per cent are on free school meals. She said: "The results were quite astounding."

In England, some primary schools use a commercial scheme, Jolly Phonics, which



The Bo'ness signal box, in West Lothian, won one of six awards for Scotland in the annual railway heritage awards,

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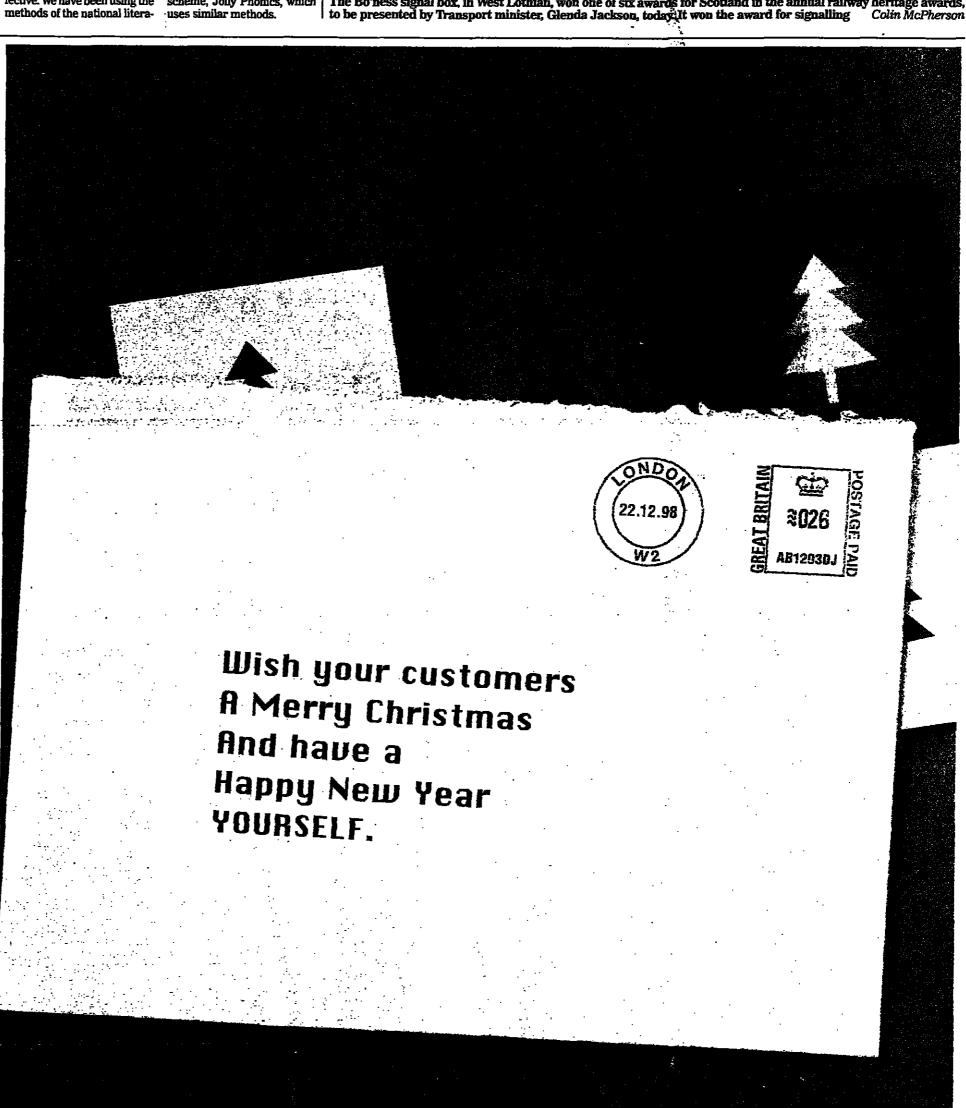
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# Tough new rules to speed mortgages

REFORMS AIMED at taking BY KIM SENGUPTA much of the pain out of house buying are to be unveiled by the Government today.

Mortgage lenders will be expected to deal with 80 per cent of applications for loans within two working days under straightforward work before rules proposed by the housing negotiations take place. minister, Hilary Armstrong. Buyers will have much more information at the start of trans-

and possibly surveys, being put on vendors before they put properties on the market. This will take care of much of the time-consuming but relatively

The Government says its plans, put together after a nationwide survey on the angst actions, with the onus of involved in buying and selling carrying out local searches, property, will fast-track the go some way towards combat-

ing the practice of gazumping. The survey showed there was an average eight-week wait between acceptance of an offer and exchange of contracts. At present, in most cases, an offer is agreed before the time and money-consuming processes of a search, getting title deeds and answering legal stions. Almost 25 per cent

deals start to run into diffi-

ing in which the seller pulls out at the last moment in favour of a higher offer, should become less prevalent because of the greater speed in the transaction. It should also help to limit "gazundering", when a buyer

The issue of whether the vendor should include a survey as part of his or her obligations

suddenly lowers the offer just

before contracts are ex-

is expected to generate con- and Bingley, Britain's secondtroversy. A compromise could largest building society, pointbe a "log-book" carrying a "service history" of the property.

This is the latest move in a government shake-up of the housing market. Last month plans were announced to overhaul the leasehold system, giving almost 2 million people in asehold properties the right to buy or manage the freehold of their homes.

A spokesman for Bradford take steps to guarantee that

ed out that mortgage lenders have to depend a lot on third parties for verification of earnings before they can offer a loan. He added: "On principle, the quicker we can grant the mort-

gage the better" The government measure comes after the Council of Mortgage Lenders (CML) warned that borrowers should

they can pay their mortgages. The CML, which represents Britain's banks and building societies, said the housing market is unlikely to suffer the boom and bust of previous economic slowdowns, but is likely to be dampened next year by the economic uncertainty. The organisation stated, however. that there will be good news for

borrowers in the form of lower interest rates. A CML official said about the

We are all in favour of expediting the time it takes for the mortgages to be arranged, so we welcome any attempts to do so, but there are many variables, such as having to depend

on outside parties." House prices rose by 5.4 per cent this year. They are expected to go up by 3 per cent in 1999 and 2000, roughly in line

with inflation forecasts.





Fashion Café owners, (above left) Naomi Campbell, Elle Macpherson and Claudia Schiffer; and Planet Hollywood

# Linley's diner follows trend of celebrity cafés – and fails

THE CHRISTMAS lights are BY KATHY MARKS twinkling, the music is defiantly up-beat and there is even a halfprice Screaming Orgasm on offer. But it takes more than cheap cocktails to fill a restaurant, as Viscount Linley, the Queen's nephew, has discovered to his cost.

upmarket burger bars, is up for sale, the latest celebrity-backed dining venture to collide with harsh economic reality. Other casualties include the Fashion Café, placed in receivership six weeks ago, and Planet Hollywood, which recently plunged

Industry analysts are not surprised that Deals is being sold. The market is saturated. they say, and fears of recession are keeping diners at home. ly empty, save for a few shop-The restaurants feeling the pers spooning the froth off their a partner, which include Lanpinch most keenly are those

that rely on a glitzy theme, rather than on a reputation for quality food.

Deals was launched amid a blaze of publicity in 1988 by Lord Linley and his cousin, Lord Lichfield, the society photog-Deals, Lord Linley's chain of rapher. It was to be an "upmarket works canteen". combining smart décor and an eclectic menu – a place to cut business deals, Eighties-style.

The founders' connections meant a glamorous cast of customers initially, including Diana, Princess of Wales, and the actor Jason Donovan. But since 1995 the three-outlet London chain has been in the red.

At lunchtime on Friday, the West End branch was virtualTeriyaki Burgers.

Similarly, poor trade led to Fashion Café, fronted by supermodels Naomi Campbell, Claudia Schiffer and Elle Macpherson, and the travails of Planet Hollywood, the hamburger group owned by Bruce Willis, Sylvester Stallone and Arnold Schwarzenegger.

There are countless other cautionary tales. Opposite Planet Hollywood in Piccadilly Circus, for instance, is the former site of a sandwich bar opened by the pop singer Gary Glitter in 1994. The Glitter Bar closed after just eight months.

Other star-studded ventures have fared better, such as the five smart London restaurants in which actor Michael Caine is cappuccinos. Two men in pin- gan's Brasserie and The Can-

Fingers, owned by the former Rolling Stone Bill Wyman."The the ignominious demise of the rock theme is great for the one-off visit, but it's the food that brings people back again,"

said a spokesman. There is a chill wind, though, blowing through the industry, and last week's news of a clampdown on expense-account lunches made restaurateurs shiver. The Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank has set a £30-a-head limit on corporate entertaining, and other City firms are following suit. Egon Ronay, the veteran restaurant critic, calls this "worrisome".

"It will certainly bite; no question of it," he said. "We will be seeing business people keeping an eye on the righthand side of the wine list and directing their guests' attention to the set-meal menu.'



Viscount Linley has put his chain of fashionable 'works canteens' up for sale as diners cut back on eating out Rex

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# Britain told to give up EU rebate

strong pressure last night to back down over Britain's European budget rebate.

European Union foreign ministers meeting in Brussels made it clear that, whatever Tony Blair says, the unique "discount" - whereby Britain gets

bills - is up for renegotiation.

The message was delivered to Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, at the start of discussions on "Agenda 2000" - the European Commission's plans to reform the European budget.

renegotiate the deal won by Margaret Thatcher in 1985, Mr Cook remained defiant.

"It is not going to change," he insisted in Brussels. "Even after the rebate, Britain's net contribution remains higher

pay. It is justified, it is right, we are going to keep it."

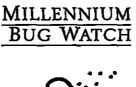
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That view will be vigorously challenged, not least by Ger/ many, which insists that Britain still gets a preferential deal, it too will be demanding





JEWISH SOLDIERS last

week arrested Jonathan Tidi. a 41-year-old American immigrant, at his home in the Judean foothills just a couple of miles from the "Green Line" separating the Israeli and Palestinian settlements. According to The Jerusalem Post, the arrest followed rumours that Tidi was hoarding weapons to attack Palestinians, a move that could rapidly escalate into widespread bloodshed.

At his home they found a number of weapons, including an M-16 assault rifle, 6,000 rounds of ammunition. hand grenades and nightvision goggles. But on his arrest, Tidi - a

former US Army Ranger told police he wanted the weapons not to attack Palestinians, but because he feared "total chaos" in 2000 because the millennium bug would shut down "world computer systems". Also, he thought the whole country would be overrun next ear by Christian pilgrims. Someone found his case

persuasive - after two days' questioning Tidi was reeased, as the police decided he had not stocked the arms to attack Palestinians. Presumably, the Israeli security forces must also be expecting "total chaos".

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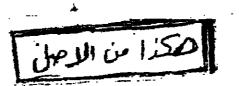


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# Germans step \*up plans for tax harmony

THE GERMAN drive for tax BY IMRE KARACS harmonisation across Europe in Bonn gathered pace at the weekend amid fears of an outflow of German capital to European tax havens. On Saturday, the Finance Ministry confirmed that under its European presidency

beginning next month – Germany would push for harmonisation across Europe of taxation on interest earnings - including the so-called withholding tax that automatically deducts tax from interest payments.

According to the ministry, Germany wants to introduce a flat charge on interest yields and income from dividends that would be deducted automatically at source.

The German Finance Minister, Oskar Lafontaine, has long been concerned about the flight of jobs and capital to a more favourable tax climate in neighbouring countries. But the gnomes of Zurich are gleefully rubbing their hands at the prospect of Mr Lafontaine's tax refugees arriving at their door. As the new German government prepares to abolish perks for high earners, and battles against European Union tax havens, Swiss banks are bracing themselves for a new invasion of German marks.

Since the "Red-Green" government came to power in Bonn, Germans' interest in the discreet services of Swiss bankers has soared. The first stage of European monetary union, beginning next month, is expected to swell the ranks of those seeking a secure home for their savings.

The Swiss are only too pleased to help. "Invest your money in a place offering French charm, German efficiency and Swiss discretion," urges an advertisement placed by the Banks Association of Basle in the Frankfurter Allgemeine newspaper.

Bank of Thurgau, is moving nearer its customers by setting up a branch on the German border.

Germans bearing large wads of cash are already a common sight in Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Luxembourg. Since Germany started withholding tax a few years ago on interest earned on deposits, hundreds of billions of German marks have flowed into coffers in neighbouring countries. Some of the biggest German banks are under in-

vestigation for helping their

Lafontaine: His tax losses are the Swiss banks' gain

customers to spirit their wealth away into foreign subsidiaries, especially in Luxembourg.

Because of the growing inquisitiveness of the tax authorities, much of this flight takes the form of bulging briefcases chauffeur-driven across the border. The narrow main street in Vaduz, the capital of Liechtenstein, is crammed with limousines bearing Frankfurt and Munich number plates. The banks stay open at weekends to cope with the rush.

As Mr Lafontaine seeks to harmonise the taxing habits -Similar advertisements ap- or otherwise - of European pear daily, from a myriad of neighbours, Switzerland and

most from his grasping hands. They are not EU members, and will therefore remain in splendid isolation from any putative Europe-wide tax regime.

"We have so many German customers," says Patrizia Bonaventura of Baumann, a bank based in Basle. "I think more people will come, especially with the launch of the euro."

This being the twilight world of Swiss banking, there is, of course, no way of knowing how many is "so many", and how much there is stashed away in the Alps. Suffice to say that most Swiss institutions demand a minimum deposit of at least 100,000 marks (£37,000).

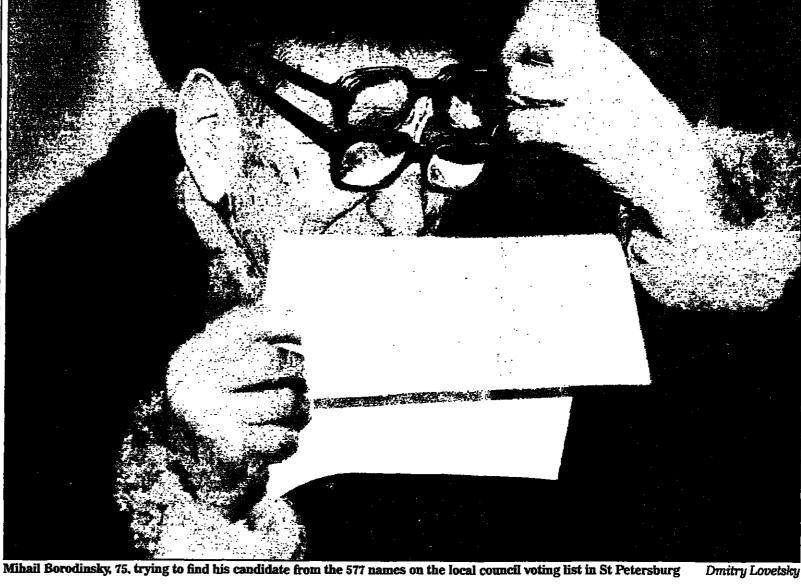
Nor can anyone tell how many more Germans have been crossing the Swiss border since Mr Lafontaine settled into his throne at the Bonn Finance Ministry.

'We've seen a lot of new business from Germany because of the tax situation there with the new government. Eric Sarasin of Bank Sarasin is reported as saying, "We will see new waves of German private clients coming into Switzerland," he predicted. Companies, too, are weigh-

ing their options. Last year DM40bn of investment flowed out of Germany, and only DM5bn trickled in. According to the German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DIHT), a survey of 50,000 enterprises last month revealed that many would consider relocating abroad, depending on Mr Lafontaine's

As the Finance Minister's plans slowly take shape - the first batch reached the Bundestag on Friday - business is unenthused. "We cannot agree with this concept," says a spokesman of the DIHT.

In the chamber's view, the new ecology tax, in particular, will only make matters worse for German industry in the



# Murder and corruption deter voters in 'Russia's Chicago'

POLICE WERE out in force in St. BY HELEN WOMACK Petersburg yesterday to keep order during local council elections already marred by one of the dirtiest campaigns seen in Russia, and overshadowed by the murder of the democratic politician, Galina Starovoitova.

Voting began sługgishly and television reports said there were more observers than electors in some polling stations. Officials said the vote would be regarded as valid, however low the turnout.

Many citizens were apparently too cowed or too cynical to take part in an election, which Ms Starovoitova's allies in Moscow

seek power and immunity from prosecution. Corruption surrounding the vote in the former imperial capital, which is these days compared to Al Capone's Chicago, boded ill for the standard of national parliamentary elections due next year.

In the run-up to the St Petersburg poll, news reports said that elderly people were being offered small amounts of money, or in some cases, tins of peas for their votes. Democratic hopefuls also complained that "phantom candidates"

trict, for example, there were three candidates with the name of Sergei Mironov but only one was a genuine local politician.

The victims of the dirty tricks were mainly candidates who advocated a new city charter to make the governor of St Petersburg, Vladimir Yakovlev, more accountable. Various groups backed the charter including Severnaya Stolitsa. or Northern Capital, Ms Starovoitova's party. After she was shot at her home on 20 November, democratic politicians drew up a "civic anti-criminal

they were excluded from the list on "ideological grounds" and said that being left-wing did not make them dishonest.

Despite launching a highpowered investigation, the Russian authorities are no nearer to solving the mystery of Ms Starovoitova's murder. Her aide, Ruslan Linkov, who was shot at the same time, recovered consciousness last week and said from his heavily guarded hospital bed that he was convinced the motive for the killing was political.

The outspoken Ms Staro-

own were being registered to the public could trust. Com- One theory is that extreme confuse the voters. In one dis- munists were offended that Russian nationalists may have ordered her assassination to General Albert Makashov, a hardliner notorious for his anti-Semitic outbursts.

However, given the bitterness in St Petersburg, other people say that clues to her murder should be sought closer to the city that was her home and constituency.

The Moscow Times reported that Ms Starovoitova had been in possession of a tape that suggested there might be links between the St Petersburg undertaking and cemetery mafia

# 2,000 Palestinian prisoners on hunger strike as Clinton visits

OME 2,000 Palestinian prisoners held by Israel joined a hunger strike yesterday to press for their release amid demonstrations and riots in towns throughout the West Bank over the weekend.

The strike will raise the political temperature in the runup to President Bill Clinton's largest Palestinian enclave,

this week. pressing Benjamin Netanyahu, expand the criteria under which prisoners are released, but be

(155 miles) south-west of Paris.

IN BRIEF

Escaped zoo jaguar kills boy, 3

A BOY of three died after being mauled by a jaguar that escaped from its cage in a zoo in France yesterday. The child's father suffered serious head wounds trying to save his son in the attack in Doue-la-Fontaine, 250km

Police later killed the 100-kg (220lb) female cat, and

captured another that had also escaped. The Zoo Doue

was immediately shut down pending an investigation.

Dalai Lama to attend Nobel lunch

TIBET'S EXILED "god-king", the Dalai Lama, will attend a

lunch for Nobel prize laureates in Paris tomorrow after

initial confusion over whether President Jacques Chirac

had invited him, his spokesman said yesterday. The Dalai

Lama, who will be in Paris for ceremonies marking the

50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human

lunch because of concern his presence would upset China.

Ex-coup chief is Caracas favourite

IN PRESIDENTIAL elections yesterday. Venezuelans chose

bloody coup attempt and a Yale educated ex-governor. The

ex-coup leader, Hugo Chavez, was the favourite to win. In

an effort to head off his victory, the centre-left Democratic

Action Party and the centre-right COPEI party dumped

their candidates last week to throw support behind inde-

INDIA DEPLOYED thousands of troops and detained 2,000

at Ayodhya in the northern Uttar Pradesh state, which was razed by Hindu zealots in 1992. The Prime Minister,

Atal Behari Vajpayee, whose Bharatiya Janata Party won

power on a campaign to build a temple where the mosque

people yesterday as the nation observed the sixth anniversary of the demolition of the Babri Masjid Mosque

pendent candidate Henrique Salas Romer.

Mass detention in India

stood, has called for a peaceful solution.

Rights, was reported to have been excluded from the

between an ex-army paratrooper who once staged a

raeli press. Palestinians are disappointed that only 100 out of 250 prisoners released under the recent Wye Agreement were political prisoners. The rest were common criminals.

visit to Israel and Gaza, the trations, many of which have ended in riots, have been called by the Palestinian leadership. Israeli security officials are This is correct, but Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, the Israeli Prime Minister, to is also trying to pacify Palestinian critics who say that he has betrayed prisoners who has refused, according to the Is- once fought for him, by a show

number and type of prisoners to be released was not mentioned in the Wye Agreement.

Israelis and Palestinians are manoeuvring before Mr Clinton's visit on Saturday to Gaza, which both sides see as being close to the recognition of a Palestinian state. Israel is in-Israel says that the demonssisting that he fiv to Gaza airport by helicopter and not on Airforce One.

> Mr Clinton is also to turn on the Christmas lights in Bethlehem. He and most his 1,000strong delegation will take over the Hilton hotel in Jerusalem.

of action on their behalf. The said yesterday that it had started to collect illegal weapons, which was also agreed at Wye.

In future, illegal possession of a weapon will be punishable by a three-year prison sentence or a \$7,500 (£4,500) fine.

Another measure clearing the way for Mr Clinton's visit to Gaza will be a meeting of the Palestinian Central Council on Thursday which will reaffirm its acceptance of the right of Israel to exist. Israel and the Palestinians have disagreed on exactly how this should be done, Mr Arafat insisting that the Palestinian charter was altered The Palestinian Authority to give it this sense in 1996.

# Nigeria edges back to civilian rule

PARTIES DOMINATED by veterans of Nigeria's previous attempts at democracy took an early lead as partial results from local elections began to

drift in yesterday.

cils marks the first step in the military government's plan to restore civilian rule by May. Results from Kaduna state in the north and Edo in the south gave the People's Democratic Party (PDP) a strong lead over the All People's Party (APP), its closest rivals across Nigeria's 36 states. The Alliance for Democracy (AD) dominated the traditional heartland of opposition to military rule, winning threequarters of the vote in the four south-western states for which results were available.

The centrist PDP was

BY MATTHEW TOSTEVIN in Lagos

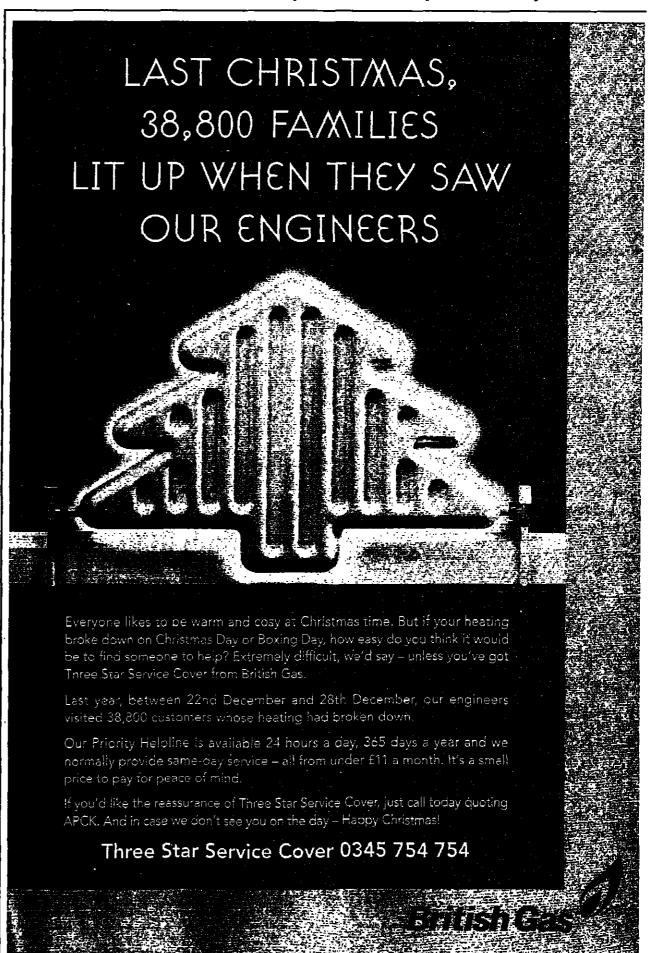
formed by veteran politicians opposed to the late dictator Sani Abacha, while many former Abacha supporters belong Saturday's vote for 774 counto the APP

The left-of-centre AD was expected to triumph in the south-west, which has felt cheated since the 1993 presidential elections were annulled as the local tycoon Moshood Abiola was poised to win. He died in detention in July and many of the party's leaders were his backers. The elections were a crucial test for the nine competing parties - and a vote of confidence in General Abdulsalami Abubakar's plan to step down, ending 15 years of military rule. (Reuter)

### **THOMAS KIELINGER**



In the new Europe, everyone's business will be everyone else's



BILL CLINTON is once again fighting for his presidency, with a Congressional vote on impeachment expected at the end

of this week After a month of post-election calm, when the American public appeared to have rescued Mr Clinton by turning its wrath on sults had limited the commithis Republican adversaries, the mood of Congress appears to have hardened, opening the real prospect of a trial by Senate and the continuation of the President's discomfort well into

Yesterday, the President's supporters and detractors flooded the television talkshows

with their views. The White House appeared to wake up to the risk of impeachment in the middle of last week, when Mr Clinton's lawyers wrote to the chairman of the judiciary committee, past two weeks' hearings have Henry Hyde, requesting the hit home. The Republicans

By Mary Dejevsky in Washington

opportunity to defend the President before the committee. Until then, the President's supporters apparently believed that last month's election re-

tee's options to a Congressional vote of censure or to no action at all Late on Friday, White House lawyers sent Mr Hyde a further

letter, asking for three days to be placed at their disposal so that they could call witnesses of their own. That has yet to be agreed, but the witnesses med so far include professors of law and American and Constitutional history - a combination that suggests White House fears that at least some Republican charges during the

have fielded experts to testify on definitions of perjury.

Republicans traced the shift mood to Mr Clinton's answers to the judiciary committee's 81 questions, which the Senate majority leader, Trent Lott, described as "arrogant

Many Democrats blamed a small core of Republican hardliners, led by the Texas conservative and Republican whip, Tom Delay. This group, they said, would countenance no compromise along the lines of a censure vote or fine and wanted the President punished. While there is little doubt that a Senate "trial" - the final stage of impeachment - would go Mr Clinton's way (because the Republicans do not have. sufficient seats to deliver the necessary two-thirds majority). such a trial would be only the second in US history and a con-

House officials and leading Deworry that the impeachment ss could go forward. The vote in the judiciary committee, is said to be too close to call.

follow. Although Republicans have a majority of 12, the result ■ Michael Huffington, the California millionaire who spent \$28m trying unsuccessfully to capture Dianne Feinstein's Senate seat in 1994 and then contesting the result, has told Esquire magazine he is gay. Mr Huffington and his wife Arianna (née Stassinopoulos) divorced amicably last year.



In the first stage of the International Space Station assembly, the 'Unity' connecting module is positioned by the space shuttle ready to dock with the Russian 'Zarya' power station module. Letters, Review, page 2 AFP

Man convicted

of injecting son with HIV

BY DAVID USBORNE in New York

A FATHER accused of injecting HIV-tainted blood into his son to avoid paying child support has been found guilty of firstdegree assault and faces possible life imprisonment. The conviction, however, could be elevated to murder if the boy, now aged seven, dies from the virus.

After just three days of testimony in the trial of Brian Stewart, 32, in St Charles, Missouri, the jury delivered its verdict late on Saturday. Sentencing was set for 8 January.

Stewart, who listened impassively to the verdict, is

expected to appeal. Prosecutors told the court that Stewart, who worked in a she said Stewart had told her hospital as a phlebotomist someone who draws blood - You won't need to look me up stole the HIV-infected blood for child support anyway befrom his workplace and then in- cause your child is not going to ected it into his son while the boy was in hospital for treatment for asthma.

The jury heard bow Stewart committed the crime during 1992, when the boy was 11 months old, because he did not want to pay for child support. He was already separated from the mother of the boy, identified only as "Jennifer".



life imprisonment

Jennifer said her son now suffers from full-blown Aids, has lost most of his hearing and has come close to death several times. On the stand last week, that the boy would die. "He said. live very long'," she testified.

Joe Murphy, lawyer for the defence, said the prosecution had built a case out of circumstantial evidence and had failed to offer proof that his client had injected the child. "A tragedy is not a crime and theories are not facts," he told reporters. "Mom made an allegation and everyone ran with it."

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# Shoot-out at the not-very-OK locale

CITY LIFE

BOMBAYITES saunter through cash." What he failed to tell me Delhi with a distinctive smugabout the dearth of nightlife. It rather resembles the way New Yorkers feel about buttoned-up

As a Delhi-ite myself, wanting to sample the fabled Bombay cocktail of glitz and sleaze cut with sea breeze, I flew down to the rival Indian metropolis recently with high hopes. It was about time to see for myself that sea-front skyline, known as the Queen's Necklace, and to sniff out what really happens here after dark

But my first hurdle was simply booking a hotel room. Wedding season means there's hardly a room to spare in Bombay at any price these days. What's more, because the cost of office rents soared to the highest in the world a couple of years ago, businesses began leasing hotel suites as a stopgap and took much of the best accommodation off the market.

After being turned away over the telephone by a dozen hotels, I pleaded with a tourism official at the airport to help me find somewhere to stay.

"It is difficult, madam." he muttered, "Everything's taken." When I implored him to check beyond the governmentapproved listings, since I needed only a bed plus a working phone and loo, he took a dogeared notebook out of his pocket and scrawled down an address. "It's not central Mumbai; it's up at Juhu Beach. But they do have a vacancy," he assured me. "You must pay her flight crew and cousins at

was that the place was in the ness, and always complain process of being torn down.

Four seedy flophouses were being refurbished with money from the Middle East into a sinreception desk was propped up behind wonky beams and plaster dust flaked everywhere, though it was quite encouraging to see a switchboard operator. (He kept trying to redial Dubai.)

tact up on the second floor, but, with several stairs missing, and dismal lighting, I was forced to share a lift with a swarthy man wearing gloves, who kept cracking his knuckles. He looked like an underworld hitman from central casting. Suddenly fascinated with my room key, I avoided his eyes.

skeletal building.

Tara was utterly appalled at A film billboard in Bombay. Studios in 'Bollywood' work around the clock, cranking out about 150 features a year

"There's something fishy here. I won't let you stay alone in this place," she declared. "I'm spending the night too." We cut short our evening with

gle grandiose inn. For now, the Amazingly, my room was in-

When my flight-attendant friend Tara Kotaria dropped by to check out these Bombay lodgings, she stared goggleeyed at my gleaming marble bathroom and the multiple mirrors near the beds. It was not what she expected after picking her way through the

the lack of security: my door was flimsy plasterboard, and there were forced-entry marks around the simple metal latch - the kind you find on a broom

just after midnight

nearest disco, and returned to my room in the nameless hotel Before we blocked the entrance with our luggage for the night, we buzzed room service

ous gangsters at any moment. we listened for footsteps in the hallway. I swore to Tara that I had witnessed other guests checking in - that we weren't the only ones. She nodded wisely and flicked on her to send up some mineral water, then attempted to phone home lighter. By examining the to Delhi. All lines were dead. flame's reflection in the mirror, With visions of being snatch-Tara was trying to determine door creaked opened again

Razzbery Rhinoceros, the ed away by Bombay's notori- whether this was two-way reflective glass. Some underworld type could be peeking at us while we slept or undressed. "You read too many thrillers," I scoffed, and then we both froze. Loud voices argued next door, and two gunshots rang

out. A door slammed.

The shouting resumed and two more bullets were fired. We couldn't telephone the police, so we went undercover - and pulled the blankets right over our heads. Again came the

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"Wait a minute," Tara said Before we could react, the brightly. "Those are exactly the

turns out that, instead of a shoot-out next door, we were overhearing a night shoot.

Bollywood studios in the Hindi film capital crank out more features than Hollywood does - some 150 per year - and must work round the clock fit them all in. Studio space is

and we heard feet shuffling. must be rehearsing lines." It set scenes wherever they can. It was just our luck to check in next to the set location for the third shift, which normally

> lasts beyond 3am. Racy Bombay nightlife, anyone? Tara and I managed a brush with film stars and gangsters without even having to leave my hotel room.

JAN MCGIRK



A FILM which is opening BY JOHN LICHFIELD ross France on Wednesday ere is an early scene in which familiar, straight-backed He steps over the ball and gure – the hero of the movie walks down a Mexican back-

A football rolls away from a

in Paris

The film, called Mookie, is the first in which the former footballer and sardine philosopher oup of street urchins, direct- has had a starring role since he to the hero's feet. No male walked out on Manchester Uniterson can resist kicking a ed to start a new career as an

director's way of saying "forget Eric the footballer, welcome Eric the actor".

First reviews of the film in the French press - which generally likes to make fun of Cantona - have been good. "You have to admit, he does it pretty well," Carlos Gomez wrote in Le Journal du Dimanche

successful British film Eliza-He had a supporting part,

while still employed as a footballer, in the French film Le Bonheur est dans le Pré. Mookie is, however, the

launch of Cantona's acting ca- from Marseilles with intellecreer proper. He plays an itinerant French boxer travelling tions and a capacity for dry

The scene with the ball is the role, as a French count, in the one of whose companions is a Palud, a successful maker of comic and whimsical films, including Un Indien dans la Ville.

Cantona's role is scarcely demanding. He plays a sportsman tual and philosophical aspira-

talking monkey (the Mookie of on location in Mexico the boxer the title). The director is Hervé who was brought in as Cantona's sparring partner for the fight scenes complained that the ex-footballer was hitting him too hard. To which Cantona replied. in effect: "He hit me first."

Mookie is expected to appear, in dubbed and sub-titled versions, in British cinemas in



Eric Cantona has graduated from his recent cameo in ring role in a new

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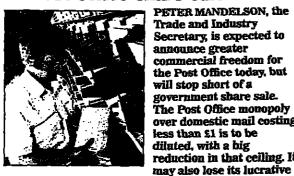
### **BRIEFING**

### MPs to criticise UK car prices

THE CAR INDUSTRY will be heavily criticised in a report by MPs tomorrow claiming that British prices are up to 40 per cent higher than for equivalent models sold on the Continent. The report, by the Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee, is expected to lay much of the blame on the block exemption car makers enjoy, allowing them to control which dealers sell their cars and

The Office of Fair Trading is conducting a separate investigation into the car industry, which is focusing on the use of recommended resale prices and extent to which private buyers are subsidising the big fleets who purchase cars at discounts of up to 40 per cent.

### No Post Office share sale



PETER MANDELSON, the Trade and Industry Secretary, is expected to announce greater commercial freedom for the Post Office today, but will stop short of a government sbare sale. The Post Office monopoly over domestic mail costing less than £1 is to be diluted, with a big reduction in that ceiling. It

monopoly over direct mail, due to be abolished by 2003 under EU rules.

The Post Office is likely to be disappointed, as it had lobbied for partial privatisation in order to be able to borrow more with its borrowings taken off the public sector balance sheet. In the increasingly competitive postal market some of its European rivals have far greater commercial flexibility.

### National Grid in Brazil telecom bid

THE NATIONAL GRID is in talks with Sprint, the US telecoms operator, on a joint bid to run a Brazilian telephone network. If successful in the bid, due this week, the \$1bn consortium would compete with the privatised national operator Telebras.

The Grid has chalked up a success with Energis, its UK telecommunications subsidiary, and is keen to expand internationally in both telecommunications and electricity. Brazil's market is particularly attractive, not only because of the country's economic importance, but also because it has only 10 telephone lines per 100 people, compared with about 17 in Argentina and 52 in Britain.

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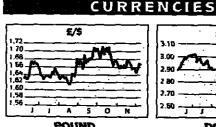
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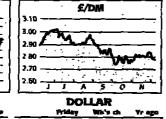
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# ScottishPower set for £4.5bn takeover in US

SCOTTISHPOWER is set to unveil a £4.5bn takeover of the US power company PacifiCorp, pos-

sibly as early as today. The deal is the latest in a series of huge transatlantic mergers and will create a multi-utility with a combined value of £12.5bm and interests spanning electricity, water, gas and telecoms.

The two companies were last night finalising the terms of the deal at the London offices of the US investment bank Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, Scottish-Power's advisers.

PacifiCorp, which has been codenamed Pegasus during the merger negotiations, is being advised by Salomon Smith Barney. Although the all-share deal

will be presented as a merger, it effectively amounts to a takeover. ScottishPower shareholders will emerge with about two-thirds of the enlarged group

BY MICHAEL HARRISON

and PacifiCorp shareholders one-third

The deal is expected to value the Oregon-based PacifiCorp at about \$7.5bn - a 21 per cent premium to its closing price last Friday night when details of the merger began to leak out in New

of Scottish Power, and Murray Head, chairman, will take the same posts in the enlarged group, which will be run from existing head offices in Glasgow. Shareholders in PacifiCorp

Ian Robinson, chief executive

will be offered American Depositary Receipts in Scottish-Power, which gained a listing on the New York Stock Exchange last year. The group's primary listing will continue to be in Lon-

This is the third time Scot-

tishPower has attempted to pany, Manweb, and the first to UK supplier Midlands Electake over an American electricity company and will represent another first for the

acquisitive multi-utility. PacifiCorp, which has headquarters in Portland, has 1.4 million customers and supplies electricity in six US states, including Oregon.

It also has interests in 10,000 megawatts of generating capacity, mainly coal-fired, and owns a number of coal mines. Its revenues last year reached

The US utility has been vul-nerable to a takeover since it lost the bid battle for Britain's Energy Group, owner of Eastern Electricity, and parted company with its chief executive,

ScottishPower was the first UK electricity company to take over a regional electricity com-

acquire a water company in the shape of Southern Water. Now it is about to become

the first UK utility to conclude a transatiantic merger. Power-Gen held lengthy negotiations with Houston Industries about a "merger of equals" but the talks foundered at a late stage over disagreements on valuation and who would run the combined business.

British Energy, the nuclear electricity generator, has also been scouring the US for an electricity company to acquire and National Grid is interested in buying a US electricity transmission and distribution busi-

ScottishPower's two prevideal in the US involved Florida Light and Power and Cinergy, which has a half share in the

tricity. National Power is buying Midlands' supply arm for £180mL

A spokesman for Scottish-Power confirmed yesterday that the two companies were in advanced negotiations. Serious talks began with Pacifi-Corp about a month ago.

Although there is no duplication of activities, Scottish-Power nevertheless expects to achieve considerable efficiency savings at PacifiCorp. One observer described PacifiCorp as "undermanaged and unloved" and said ScottishPower would treat the acquisition like a USversion of its Manweb subsidiary.

However, regulatory clearous failed attempts to pull off a ance for the deal is expected to prove a lengthy process because of the number of states that PacifiCorp operates in.

# **BAe** and **Dasa** merger due this month

BY MICHAEL HARRISON

BRITISH AEROSPACE and DaimlerChrsyler Aerospaci are set to announce their £14br merger before Christmas in a move which will dramatically reshape Europe's defence and aircraft industries.

Industry sources said yesterday that many of the hurdles to a BAe-Dasa merger had been overcome in the last fortnight, making an early announcement more likely.

The combined business would have sales of £15bn and produce everthing from fighter aircraft and guided weapons to helicopters and commercial jets. A merger could also accel-

erate the consolidation of Europe's defence and aerospace industries, while creating a business able to compete on an equal footing with the likes of Lockheed Martin and Boeing of the US.

BAe and Dasa are partners in both the Eurofighter programme and Airbus Industrie and have been talking serious ly about a merger for the las six months.

Based on market capitalisa tions, BAe would probably hole about two-thirds of the com bined group. The remaining shares would be held by Dasa' parent company, Daimler Chrysler, itself the result of merger earlier this year be tween Daimler Benz and the US carmaker Chrysler.

The enlarged group would b run by Sir Dick Evans and John Weston, chairman and chief ex ecutive of BAe, although Man fred Bischoff, Dasa's chairman would have a senior role, possibly as deputy chairman.

BAe already has a 35 per cent stake in Saab, the Swedish military aircraft manufacturer and is planning to take a stake of up to 40 per cent in Casa of Spain when the business is privatised. Casa is another of the Airbus partners. A merger with Dasa will put

increased pressure on the French to press ahead with the privatisation of Aerospatiale,' their leading defence and aerospace company and an indus, trial partner in Airbus.

France has opposed a BAe Dasa link up, fearful that it will leave Aerospatiale isolated both within Airbus and in the wider consolidation of Europe's defence and aerospace industries.:

Last Friday Aerospatiale again threatened to block the transition of Airbus into a single commercial entity unless its shareholder structure was altered. At present the French and Germans each have stakes of 37.9 per cent in Airbus while: BAe has 20 per cent and Casa the remaining 4.2 per cent.

A BAe-Dasa merger would give the enlarged company a combined share of more than 50 per cent. However, industry sources said it would still not enable them to dictate to the French, given the size of \$ Aerospatiale's stake.

With two million new users set to sign up this quarter, mobile phone sales are beating even the most optimistic forecasts

TWO MILLION new mobile phone users are set to sign un in the current quarter, making it the industry's most successful ever. Confidential industry fig-

ures for November show that sales are running well ahead of the most optimistic forecasts, even before the crucial Christmas selling season has got into full swing. The main beneficiaries of

the bonanza are the country's two largest operators, Vodafone and Cellnet. Vodafone is

# Mobile phone sales soar on pay-as-you-go 225,000 phones in November ber of phones sold since the which dispense with con-

the industry from its main rival, Cellnet, which is thought to have attracted

Orange and One2One are each estimated to have signed up 100,000 new customers, taking the total num-

alone, regaining the lead in end of September to comfortably above the 1 million level. This compares with earlier forecasts that 1.5 million new users would sign up in the final quarter of the year.

The mobile phone boom is the result of the introduction of new pay-as-you-go services

tracts and monthly subscription fees. More than two-thirds of the phones sold by Vodafone and Cellnet are believed to be so-called "phones in a box".

The two companies have pioneered selling the packages through supermarket

retailers at aggressive low prices. Both Tesco and Asda. through deals with Vodafone and Cellnet respectively, now offer pre-paid phones for as little as £69.99. Vodafone has also clinched

a deal with Shell to sell topup vouchers for its pre-paid service in the oil giant's petrol stations.

The only drag on sales has been the shortage of available handsets. Cellnet has already admitted that some shops are running out of stock. Industry sources believe Vodafone is suffering from similar problems in certain stores.

# Hurricane nations Greenalls sells off Treger fund seeks

# to get debt relief

NICARAGUA AND Honduras are By DIANE COYLE likely to be able to stop paying interest on their debts to rich country governments in the wake of the devastation caused by Hurricane Mitch. A meeting in Paris on

Wednesday is expected to agree to a moratorium on debt servicing, although it will not go as far as campaigners would like and cancel the debts. The so-called "Paris club" of rich countries will back an

agreement by European finance

ministers to suspend interest payments by the two afflicted na-However, parallel concessions are not expected from a separate meeting of multilateral agencies such as the International Monetary Fund and Inter-American Development fer a natural disaster.

Bank in Washington later this

Campaigners such as Oxfam and Christian Aid are urging the Jubilee 2000, want to see all international community to third-world debt written off.

speed up debt cancellation for Nicaragua and Honduras. The latter, the worst affected, estimates its bill for post-hurricane reconstruction could be \$2bn. However, it already owes \$4.1bn in foreign debt, and about a third of government revenue has to be spent on debt interest.

In a new report Oxfam calls for an immediate stop to all debt interest payments by the two countries, and proposes how that could be done. The aid organisation would

also like to see an extension of Fund and World Bank's existing debt relief programme for any other country which might suf-

Many campaigners are high-iy critical of the existing programme and some, such as

sell off 1,400 pubs to Nomura, the Japanese bank and Britain's biggest pub landlord, writes Diane Coyle. The £375m deal for the sale of

the tenanted or franchised Inn Partnership is due to be announced on Wednesday with Greenall's results for the year to

Inn Partnership had sales of £111m in the year to September 1997, and made operating profits of £38.9m. The price tag is somewhat

below the informal £400m-plus initially sought by Greenalls in October, reflecting concerns about a slowdown in business. Other potential buyers had included Charterhouse Development Capital and Greene King.

analysts were concerned that it would not easily find a buyer. The disposal will nearly wipe out Greenall's borrowings, al-

But despite the interest, some

GREENALLS WILL this week ment in its De Vere hotels and Village Leisure health and fitness chain. It is the latest in a series of disposals taking the group away from its brewing past towards a broader series of leisure businesses. It is also the latest in a series of consolidation

deals in the pubs sector. Guy Hands, managing director of Nomura's principal finance unit, earlier this year ruled out new investments. But last week, in a move designed to raise the profile of the businesses it now owns, Nomura announced the creation of its Unique Pub Company, a vehicle for earlier acquisitions.

This already has 2,600 tenanted pubs, expected to make an operating profit of more than £80m this year. It is likely to be floated within two years and Giles Thorley, Unique's chief executive, said a valuation of more than £1bn was expected.

It also has some 1,100 pubs outside this new division.

# pubs to Nomura | Countrywide split

THE CORPORATE raiders Ju- BY DIANE COYLE lian Treger and Brian Myerson are seeking to force the breakup of Countrywide Assured Group into separate life insurance and financial services businesses after taking a 4.5 per cent stake in the company through their UK active Value Fund.

In a statement issued at the weekend, Mr Treger called on the management of Countrywide Assured, which is valued at £379m, to announce a £50m share buyback, to be funded by borrowing as the company has a "minimal" level

He also urged the separanancial services divisions in order to improve valuation. The financial services arm rests on distribution through the Hambros Countrywide estate agency network.

Countrywide's new insur-

rapidly, but the two separated divisions could secure their flow of business if necessary with a marketing agreement, according to the proposal. The statement noted that

Countrywide Assured is valued

at 8.5-times earnings, or nearly £400m, compared to a multiple of 23.1 for comparable insurance companies. "The creation of two separate businesses will, we believe, give the market the

transparency it needs to achieve the right valuation," it John Mansfield Group, the tion of the life insurance and fiand Mr Myerson, launched a hostile takeover bid for Marley, the building materials group.

at the end of last month. The bid was withdrawn last week after a higher offer was ; accepted from the Belgian ance business has grown building materials group Etex.

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# ECB gets off to a very strong start

THE EUROPEAN Central Bank announced its arrival on the scene a month early when it ordered the outgoing national central banks to reduce all interest rates in the EMU zone to 3 per cent last Thursday. How are the mighty fallen. The last significant act of the Bundesbank once the most powerful institution in Europe as well as the body most impervious to outside influence - was meekly to cut rates in line with the command from the ECB, and thus indirectly to do the bidding of SPD finance minister Oskar Lafontaine.

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Only the Bank of Italy, where governor Fazio is staking out a reputation as the hawk of the ECB. signalled dissent from this decision by temporarily leaving its rate 0.5 per cent higher than the rest. It too will have to come into line in three weeks' time.

It is hard to underestimate the significance of this moment for the halance of power within Europe. It is suddenly crystal-clear what the French have been aiming for during all those painful years in the ERM. Until now, Germany has enjoyed total pre-eminence in the setting of monetary policy within the ERM bloc. In future, it will have only two of the 17 votes on the ECB's decision-making body.

Has any nation state ever before ceded so much power in a single voluntary decision? And does the German electorate realise what it has

**GAVYN DAVIES** 

The ECB's move last week was the action of an institution already confident enough to do the right thing

allowed to happen? We shall see. The ECB has made a very good start. A few months ago, there were many who feared that the new institution would be forced in its early days to increase interest rates in order to establish its independence from politicians and win credibility in the financial markets.

This has not happened. Instead. Europe's new central bankers have patiently explained that they would not cut rates simply because politicians were demanding easier policy. But nor would they deliberately leave rates too high, just to put the

week's move was the action of an institution already confident enough simply to do the right thing.

Since the ECB assumed the reins in September, average European interest rates have fallen by 0.75 per cent, exactly the same as the cut in the US and the UK. This probably would not have happened under the old Bundesbank-domi-Furthermore, in the ERM, the fi-

nancial crisis of last autumn would almost certainly have forced higher interest rates in countries such as Italy and Spain to defend their currencies against a rising deutschemark. And German industry would have been screaming about losses in competitiveness. These perverse moves in monetary conditions have been entirely avoided in the new monetary union.

Of course, none of this means that monetary union has suddenly become a perfect solution for all of Europe's economic ailments. The achilles' heel of the single currency - that one monetary policy might not suit all countries - is still there, waiting to cause problems in the future. But even the most ardent Euro-sceptics must realise in their hearts that the ECB has got off to rather a good start.

Where does this leave the UK? Many commentators have argued that the Bank of England now has politicians in their place. Last no choice but to follow the ECB's

**EMU CONSTRAINT ON STERLING BEHAVIOUR** Possible entry date for EMU Path to EMU

rate cut by announcing a half point cut in the UK this week. If so, then Britain's monetary sovereignty has aiready been largely eroded, and there would seem little point in staving outside EMU. More blatantly. some EMU supporters have been claiming that Britain should join the single currency in order to enjoy the "benefits" of 3 per cent interest rates immediately. But this is rather over-

egging the pudding. In the first place, if 3 per cent interest rates really were beneficial to the economy, there would be nothing to stop the Bank of England making such a cut this very morning. It does not do so because it believes that inflation expectations remain higher in the UK than in the le domestic politicians. Above all

EMU bloc. This implies that higher nominal interest rates are actually beneficial for the economy. If the Bank is right, then a cut in UK rates to 3 per cent would be a cost, not a benefit

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This is just an illustration of the simple point that the UK still enjoys the advantage of a great deal of monetary freedom outside the single currency. Sometimes this might mean setting interest rates higher than those on the Continent, sometimes the reverse. But, either way, the freedom to set rates according to UK economic conditions is an untramelled advantage - especially now that UK monetary policy has been taken out of the hands of fickelse, this is what Britain will give up when it joins EMU.

So does the arrival of the ECB make no difference whatsoever to the Bank of England? Well, not exactly. What it seems to have done is concentrate minds in the financial markets on the assumption that sterling will join the single currency shortly after the next election, at a likely entry rate equivalent to about DM £2.50. As line A in the graph shows, the forward exchange rate for sterling has locked into that rate around 2002, and it no longer seems inclined to budge from there,

events in the UK. This has one immediate consequence. When the Bank sets UK interest rates, it is also essentially fixing the spot exchange rate for sterling in the foreign exchanges, since interest differentials will totally determine the path of the exchange rate towards its expected EMU

almost regardless of economic

entry rate of 2.50 in 2002. For example, if the Bank allows interest differentials between the UK and the euro to rise by 1 per cent, then the spot exchange rate must jump by 4 to 5 per cent today in order to decline (along path B) towards 2.50 in four or five years' time. This implies that if the Bank does not like the exchange rate implied by this arithmetic, its freedom to set domestic interest rates is con-

This is not entirely different from the constraint that affects any small country, but it is more stark. The constraint can be changed only if the Government actively goes out of its way to dampen expectations about the likelihood of entry in 2002, or to create uncertainty about the probable entry rate. But why should it do this? The present situation is highly convenient, since it maximises the Government's freedom of manoeuvre in choosing the eventual entry date.

The expectation of membership in 2002 not only encourages British companies to prepare for that eventuality but, more importantly, ensures that sterling will smoothly "home in" on an acceptable entry rate in the run-up to a possible referendum in 2002.

This is vital, since a stable exchange rate is the only condition for EMU membership that the UK might not meet, and it has always been difficult to see how the Chancellor could ensure that stability is achieved without either joining the ERM or changing the Bank of England's inflation mandate, both of which look politically difficult.

When the time comes, it is still not certain that Tony Blair will opt for membership in 2002. That will depend on politics. But there should be no logistical barrier to entry if the Government does decide to take the

# Red herrings over Euro taxation

### News Analysis: The current row with Europe is the fruit of a delusion that Britain taxes companies lightly

THE EUROPEAN Commission By DIANE COYLE must have introduced a new subsidy for fish farming. There can be no other explanation for the sudden appearance of shoals of red herrings over tax harmonisation. The fishy tide of Eurobeing set by Oskar Lafontaine. Germany's new finance minister, swept Gordon Brown and Tony Blair into dusting off the classic British threat to veto any new tax proposals.

Yet it is unlikely to be need on the desirability of taxing energy use for environmental rea-German government wants to introduce a 20 per cent withholding tax across the European Union on income from savings and investment.

duce one unilaterally two years ago was a fiasco, as savings simply poured out of the country. Neither the prospect that a comity-wide withholding tax side the EU, nor the sound economic arguments against taxing savings appear to deter the

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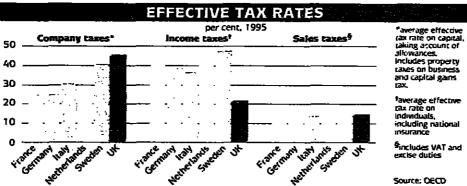
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Germans in their campaign. But, as the UK and Luxembourg forced the abandonment of an earlier withholding tax phobic headlines about taxes proposal in 1993, they can do the same again - or at least negotiate an opt-out.

Second, the Commission wants to set a minimum level of taxation on energy products. Member governments all agree Government, for obvious political reasons, cannot agree to

Most of the uproar has concerned a third proposal, a voluntary code of conduct to eliminate 'unfair' competition in taxation. This code does not actually address the harmonisation of Value Added Tax at all.

It was in 1967 that the Common Market, as it then was, started discussion of VAT equalisation. The upshot is the current acceptance of a minimum VAT



per cent and 5 per cent, with varying national zero-rated items.

Discussions on VAT and excise duties continue in a desultory way. After all, beer duties more than 30p in Sweden. But market pressures from crosshigher VAT on domestic fuel bills. border shopping are more likely than an inter-governmental agreement to bring these taxes into line.

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The active debate at present concerns corporate taxation. but the indignation on both sides is the fruit of the delusion that the UK is a low-tax country for companies. On the contrary, as a new study by PaineWebber published today shows, the burden of tax on business is heav-

standard and reduced rates of 15 ier on this side of the Channel The reason for the misapprehension is the low UK rate of corporation tax. As the Chancellor boasted in the Budget, with the main rate at 30 per cent economies, whereas Germany has a 45 per cent corporation tax rate. To the Germans this means Britain is luring investors with an unfairly low tax rate, where-

> tion for inward investment. Certainly, capital is much more mobile than labour, so competition, fair or not, between countries is likely to reduce corporate taxation. But in fact, as the chart shows, when the burden of tax - including the scale of allowances - depreciation

as to the UK it is fair competi-

relatively low burden imposed in the rest of Europe.

On the other hand, Britain taxes labour relatively lightly. Germany and France pay for their higher overall tax burden -with total tax receipts amounting to 45 to 50 per cent of GDP compared to the UK's 38 per cent - with much higher taxation of employment and incomes.

So high-tax countries such as Germany and France might end up having to emulate the UK, but by lowering the "social charges" on labour rather than corporate tax. It is not competition for investment but domestic pres-Britain emerges as a high-tax sure to create jobs that will harmonise taxation across Eu-Corporation tax cuts since the rope. And if competition does cut the corporate tax burden, it is the

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### **Business failures** increasing in UK

**BUSINESS FAILURES are** increasing in Britain and Ireland while in the rest of Europe the rate of company collapses is falling, according to figures out today.

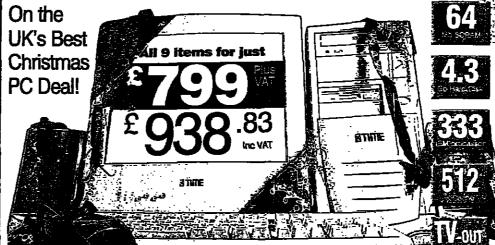
The number of companies failing in the three months to the end of September increased by 18 per cent in the UK compared with last year, according to Dun & Bradstreet. In Ireland the number of failures went up 30 per cent. Germany also saw failures increase, by just over 5 per cent, but the rest of Europe saw the rate falling.

No rip-offs

**BRITAIN'S BIG supermarkets** are not overcharging shoppers because the tide of negative publicity about consumer "rip-offs" is making the retail market increasingly competitive. according to a report by the market research group Verdict. The report forecasts that price competition will intensify although the supermarkets will stop short of an all-out price war.

### Close escape THE UK economy will escape

recession by the narrowest of margins, according to a forecast from the Chartered Institute of Marketing. Published just ahead of this week's Monetary Policy Committee meeting, the report said interest rates will dip to 5 per cent, and possibly as low as 3 per cent in 2000. This would just keep growth positive, with the economy likely to expand by 0.4 per



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# Lloyds-TSB plans single branch network

LLOYDS-TSB, the high street By ANDREW GARFIELD unking giant, is preparing a Financial Editor huge rebranding exercise to bring its 2,500 branches under a single green and blue Lloyds-TSB banner by the end of next year. The exercise could cost £15m-£20m, analysts said.

A final decision will not be taken until next spring. However Lloyds has been experimenting with joint Lloyds-TSB branches in a number of loca-

tions up and down the country and has been impressed by

Peter Eliwood the Lloyds-TSB chief executive, said: "If they [the pilot schemes] continue to be as successful as they have been, the likelihood is that we will rebrand."

Since Lloyds bought the TSB

around 300 branches have been closed. The group but has continued to keep the brands and the branch networks separate because of fears that it may alienate loyal customers.

But, Mr Ellwood said, customer attitudes have shifted in the three years since Lloyds bought TSB. Most customers surveyed recently said they were more concerned about the



quality of service and the convenience of branch locations than whether it was a Lloyds or

expenditure and the dismal

summer. Hotels should have

had a better year, with most of

the growth coming from the De

Vere country hotels. Overall,

analysts are shooting for inter-

im profits of around £159m com-

quizzed over the state of the real

week's bearish comments from

rival MEPC. The developer,

which owns a large chunk of the

City's offices, is set to post flat

A dose of buoyancy will be

served on Thursday with the

catering giant Compass's yearly

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digit growth to around £160m.

driven by big contract wins, ac-

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British Land, the property

pared with £157m last year.



However, there are no plans to do away with the Cheltenham & Gloucester brand, Mr Ellwood said. The C&G is now

within the group, with a £40bn lending book. It has 230

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Its share of net new mortgage lending is 13.2 per cent. It is punching above its weight." Ar Ellwood said. Lloyds-TSB is now three-quarters of the way £400m cost savings before the

keen to make a big acquisition, but the bank was not interested in a rival clearer. "There are "The brand is so powerful, quite heavy regulatory issues with everything very big," he

said. "We have made no secret that we think that if the market consolidated further we would towards achieving its target of be interested in both a mortgage provider and an insurance

had not ruled out a bid abroad. However, he pointed out that outside the UK, a bidder is expected typically to pay a 20-30 per cent premium which is difficult to justify if you cannot move quickly to cut costs

"We've not restricted our examination to the UK," he said. "But [in Europe] they have very low returns on equity and very low labour flexibility."

# 'Safe haven' status puts tobacco groups in Footsie

THE STOCK MARKET convulsions of the past few months have been enough to turn investors to smoking. As Footsie seesawed, stressed-out traders have been steadily pouring money into tobacco stocks - a classic safe haven in uncertain times.

The nicotine sector will receive a puff of confidence on jednesday when two of its Alembers look set to be admitted to the Footsie. Imperial Tobacco, the maker of Regal and Lambert & Butler, is odds-on to become a blue chip when the FTSE Actuaries Committee meets for its quarterly review of the indices. Rival Gallaher is less of a certainty but, barring any share slump today or tomorrow, should join the big boys a mere 19 months after floating.

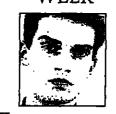
The two stocks have benefited from the traditional defensive qualities of the tobacco sector. Little exposure to the vagaries of the international economy, an almost recessionmof pool of customers and lie or no exposure to the costly US lawsuits have given the market what it most wants in times of trouble: a steady

stream of earnings. Imperial demerged from the Hanson conglomerate in August 1996, has also made a couple of crowd-pleasing acquisitions. The £185m takeover of Rizla, the rolling-paper maker, and the £660m purchase of the tobacco interests of the Dutch giant Douwe Egberts Van Nelle were v ell received by analysts. They bed Imperial's price to rise Fer 68 per cent over the past

year to Friday's close of 648p. Gallaher, which makes Benson & Hedges and Silk Cut, has had a good run too, rising by a third to Friday's 433p. Analysts like the company for its strong brands and good international

Another rump of Lord Hanson's empire could join the Foot-

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sie on Wednesday. Hanson, the building materials group, could bring the name back to the main index. A string of bolt-on acquisitions in the US, where the roadbuilding market is booming. have boosted the shares. The resolution of a long-standing legal dispute with the American authorities also helped to increase Hanson's market cap to around £2.8bn - very close to the Footsie threshold.

In a bizzare coincidence. Hanson looks set to replace Misys. The IT group joined the Footsie in May when Energy Group, a former division of guess what? - the Hanson conglomerate, was bought by Texas Utilities. The IT debacle at Wednesday's meeting will be completed by the ejection of Sema. The software group only entered the blue-chip club in September, but since then the

shares have lost more than 20

1 Imperial Tobacco

2 Dixons

3 Hanson

4 Gailaher

per cent on fears of a dry-up in orders from big financial clients.

As two real IT stocks go out, one would-be IT company, Dixons, goes in. The electrical retailer has been the market's flavour of the past few months. Analysts have been inspired by the incredible success of its Internet service. Some have even been talking about a rerating in line with the ballooning valuations of hi-tech stocks.

The Footsie revolving doors sbould also see Martin Sorrell's advertising agency WPP and the healthcare group Nycomed Amersham on their way out. The new Footsie configuration will take effect from December 21 to allow the index-tracking funds to pile up on the new boys and dump the has-beens.

The undercard will see a fair bit of change too. A dozen stocks are expected to drop out of the FTSE-250. The most eyecatching casualty is BICC. The construction and cable group, once a proud member of the top club, has been hammered by tough market conditions. Sales are still at over £4bn but BICC has sunk to just £250m, and a humiliating relegation to the

small cap looks certain. MF1, the flat-pack furniture retailer, the cash-and-carry group Booker, another fallen giant, and the textile company Coats Vivella will also be axed. They will be replaced by a four-strong "biotech pack". Chiroscience, Skyepharma, Powderject and Celltech will lead the beleaguered sector's charge into the

FOOTSIE INS AND OUTS

wich and coffee bars. Stagecoach is also likely to please the City. The transport group is set to post interims of 1 Sema around £90m, up from £70.5m a 2 Misys year ago. South West Trains 3 Nycomed Amersham and the train leasing company Porterbrook will be the star 4 WPP performers.

The stock market week also features results from five Footsie stocks and one interest rate decision. The brewers will remain in the spotlight with results from Scottish & Newcastle and Greenalls. S&N, on the block tomorrow, is set to show a drop in interim profits, say to £215m. from £224.5m. Beer sales have flagged during the wet summer, and S&N will lose around £25m owing to changes to a supply agreement with the Grand Pub Company. Center Parcs, its leisure division, could post its first year of growth since 1995. Grenalls' results, due out on Wednesday, will be mixed. The pub division is set to disappoint. Profits will be squeezed by the downturn in consumer

# **Hendrix dispute cost £500,000**

A TEN-YEAR-OLD legal dispute giant that reports today, is to be over royalties on an album by the late Jimi Hendrix was estate market following last finally settled last week, after costing Britain's Legal Aid Board an estimated £500,000.

The row was between a taxshelter company based in Panama called Presentaciones Musicales SA (PMSA), which used to own the rights to the rock star's recordings, and Daniel Secunda, a music agent

based in London. The saga, which has been dubbed "the Bleak House of music industry litigation," started in 1983 when Sony released The Jimi Hendrix Concerts Album, culled from 600 hours of the guitarist's un-

released tapes. PMSA sued Mr Secunda over his role in putting the album together, and he counter-sued, mission and expenses for performing his role as an agent.

Mr Secunda was granted legal aid in 1990 to continue to lefend himself against PMSA. PMSA meanwhile applied to put itself into voluntary liquidation. Sony kept the royalties pending the case's resolution. Last week Sony Music paid £80,000 to PMSA to settle the

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Tony Morris, the music industry lawyer at Marriott Harrison, the media law firm which acted for PMSA, commented: "It is unbelievable that legal aid funded this action at all, let alone the innumerable procedural applications made since 1990. The Legal Aid Board has spent half a million chasing

claiming copyright to the LEGAL ACTION by over 1,200 material and demanding com-Automobile Club (RAC) over their exclusion from the £450m sale of the RAC's roadside activities is about to spark back into life, after a full since the

> Last week 25 members of the club who were living in the European Union in 1996, and who claim that the RAC failed to inform them of vital rule changes dating back to 1996, launched a

claim that two years ago the RAC changed its membership rules so that those who lived or worked in the EU no longer had to register themselves as "over-

The point is that only the 12,000 full members of the RAC will be able to receive the £35,000 payout when the roadside service is sold to Cendant of the US. The RAC membership voted to confirm the deal in August. Their definition of full membership excludes all "overseas"

members. The 25 EU members claim that the RAC never informed them of the rule change, which would have permitted them to change their status to full members, making them eligible for a payout.

So far around half a dozen writs have been issued by various overseas member groups, including Ladies, Retired, and those newly returned to the

Today a group of US-based RAC members will attend a hearing in California to decide whether the courts there have the jurisdiction to hear their claim against the RAC.

THE COMPANY that published Sir Louis Blom-Cooper's book

joint writ against the RAC. They The Birmingham Six and Other Cases last year is suing the barrister for funds to cover its own defence costs in the three libel cases that the Birmingham Six have now brought against the publishers in the

Dublin courts. Gerald Duckworth, a publishing company founded over 100 years ago, issued a writ against the noted barrister on 20 November. Sir Louis is also named in two of the libel actions.

When the barrister wrote his book in 1997 he signed a publishing agreement, which Duckworth claims included the provision that the book would contain nothing "objectionable

or libellous". Duckworth claims he signed an indemnity against any "loss, injury or damage including legal costs or expenses as the result of any claim" against them over the book.

In July and August this year the Birmingham Six started libel proceedings. They allege the book is libellous because it suggests they were in fact guilty of the charges which were quashed by the Court of Appeal in March 1991.

Sir Louis served notice last week that he intends to defend Duckworth's claim.

TODAY - Interfere: Acal, Ashquay Group, British Land Company, Carclo Eng. Colum-bus Group, Faupel Trading, Jarvis, Morbain, Powderject Pharm, Spring Group, Top Estates, Worthington Group, Finals: Phyto-October Industrial production, October manufacturing output. Events: Barclays deputy chairman, Sir Peter Large, gives evidence to Treasury Committee.

TUESDAY - Interims: Berkeley Group, Scottish and Newcastle, Boustead, BSS Group, BTP, Fayrewood, Jasmin, London Clubs Int., Prism Railway, VHE Holding. Finals: Aberdeen Asset, Hozelock Group, Retail Sales Monito.r

evidence to the Treasury Commi

Nichols, Finals: Brooke Industrial, Compass, Countryside Properties, Daily Mail and General, Howe Holding, Racal Engiand careta, now nowing, nature they neering. Economics: Monetary Policy Committee meeting ends.

FRIDAY — Interfess: Atlantic Telecom, Protess International, Finals: Bradstock

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terest rate meeting. George Soros gives Th**HURSDAY — Interi**ms: Bulmer, Fine Art

WEDNESDAY - Interims: Adval, Courts, Pretude Trust, Scottish Hydro, Smith, Tinsley. Finals: Apollo Metals, firth Rixson,

Greenhalf's Group, Heaf's, Metroline, Sage Group, SHL Group, Victrex, Events: Monetary Policy Committee begins two-day in-

Developments, First Technology, Haddelgh Group, H-tech Sports, HP Bulmer Hold-ings, Limit, Reliance Security, Samuel Heath and Sons, Stagecoach, Harvey

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Anfield and Ibrox now seem like oases of tranquillity compared with life in Lisbon for Liverpool's former manager

# Souness must tame monster of Benfica

HE LEANS against the small bridge over a running stream of water, takes a deep breath of cold, country air, and inspects the water below. "You get trout in there," he says. "Brown trout." As if on demand, a brown fleck skims across the surface before disappearing under the bridge.

Two days earlier Graeme Souness had been inside Benfica's Stadium of Light urging and cajoling the largest football club in Portugal to win a vital match. The noise in one of Europe's, if not the world's greatest sporting venues is deafening. The expectancy is enormous. The pressure for the Benfica coach is unrelenting.

"I'm expected to lead Benfica to the Portuguese league champi-onship, and to win the European Champions' League," he says, with a wry smile on his face. "Nothing too strenuous, then."

The Souness home back in England, nestled in Hampshire countryside close to the fine city of Winchester, serves as a peaceful haven for the man who has either played at or been in charge of some of Europe's major football establishments. As one of the most gifted midfield players of his generation, the Scottish international, having begun professional life at Tottenham and then Middlesbrough, won every club honour imaginable at Liverpool and Sampdoria before taking over the player-manager's reins at Rangers and transforming the club back into Scotland's premier outfit.

A less successful spell at Liverpool followed. although in winning the FA Cup in 1992 with a squad of ageing players left behind by the former manager, Kenny Dalglish, coupled with personal health problems. Souness's achievement has never quite been recognised. Taking an enforced year's sabbatical he then reemerged in Istanbul, where he coached Galatasaray to various domestic honours, before returning to England as manager of Southampton. A short and fruitless spell with Torino preceded the move to Lisbon. pions' League.

All this is some list by anyone's standards, yet for all the magnitude Portuguese league, five points beof most of his previous clubs, hind Porto, and have a chance of Sourcess insists nothing compares to Benfica. "It's not just the biggest club in Portugal," he says, as he takes his Barbour off, and rubs his cold hands beat a below-par PSV in Eindhoven close to the warmth of the raging coal fire. "It's the only club. Of course, the likes of Porto and Sport- for the masses who follow Benfica. ing have good, European track Not nearly good enough. "Anyone records, but in terms of interest, it's with a rational mind would argue only Benfica. I'm talking about a that I've done reasonably well," monster of a club here.



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to such conditions at Anfield and Ibrox? "Yes, I have." he agrees. "But Benfica's something different altogether. After training I have to deal with 40 journalists, writing for three national sports newspapers, and 10 camera crews. That's every

day.

"Every single thing you do is scrutinised. I've learned to accept that if I make a substitution, it's the wrong substitution. And if I don't introduce a sub into a game, then I've made a mistake. People talk about the British media. Believe me, they are absolute gentlemen compared to the Portuguese media.

He makes it sound as if he is struggling at Benfica. The facts paint a different picture. When he

They've not won a league championship for four years. That, in Portugal, constitutes a major crisis. I've been in charge for a year. Do you know, that makes me the longestserving coach at the club for six years. Sporting went through four coaches last season."

What will happen if Benfica fail to qualify from their Champions' League group? "Oh, the knives will come out again," he answers. "But that happens on a daily basis. Don't get me wrong. Benfica's a fantastic club. I love living and working in Portugal, and the club president has been superb, but Benfica has major financial problems, and until they're taken care of the supporters are never going to get the club they

It is incredible to think that a club of Benfica's size can be in such dire, financial straits. Souness agrees. "You're right, but the facts are that the club was previously mismanaged. Fortunes have been spent and money's gone out of the window. In a two-year period they bought 50 players. Fifty players! The finances - or lack of them - are an enormous problem for me, and for the president. He's working day and night to put things right, but it's going to take a little time.

"It's frustrating because people

'People forget that I was just a boy when I first went into management. I know as a player and as a manager that I overstepped the mark on occasions'

took over in Lisbon last November, bringing his long-time assistant and friend, Phil Boersma, with him, the giants of Portugal were languishing in sixth place, and already so far behind Porto that any chance of ending the season as champions had disappeared. Souness, despite horrendous financial problems, dragged the club into second place, and qualification for this season's Cham-

To date. Benfica lie fourth in the qualification into the quarter-finals the best group runners-up if they can on Wednesday evening.

This, however, is not good enough Souness explains. "But this is Ben-Surely Souness has grown used fica we're talking about here.

either don't recognise or understand the problems we have. They see us finishing second in the league last year and, as a result, expect us to win every game this season. I happen to think we've done well with the limited resources we have. I reckon, if only a little money could be provided, that we could become a major force in Europe again, and champions at home. I believe we can still win the league this season, but it's not easy in such conditions."

The Souness of old - that fiery competitor who took no prisoners as rather than later." either a player at Liverpool, or a self-combusted at Benfica with rage and frustration. The new Souness, post-Liverpool, heart scares and marriage to the calming influence of his wife, Karen, remains philosophical.

"I still have my moments," he admits. "But I'm far more in control these days. People forget that when I first went into management at cauldron that awaits his return.

a boy. I know as a player that I overstepped the mark on occasions. I know as a manager I used to do the

"That's all in the past, now. I like to think I'm a reasonably intelligent person, and reasonably intelligent people learn from their mistakes. I have a wife who hits me over the head on a daily basis to make things relative, and all the experiences I have had, both home and abroad, have helped to make me more aware of what football's all about."

We take a walk through the grounds surrounding his sprawling home. He may be two hours away from Lisbon, but here, in the heart of the Hampshire countryside, he is a world apart. Part of him loves life in Portugal, and the challenge of coaching a club such as Benfica. "I still love the job, the lifestyle, the food, and the people," he insists. "I want to make it happen for Benfica. And I must keep on working. I have a work ethic instilled into me as a boy in the back streets of Edinburgh. It's good for your soul and for your well-being."

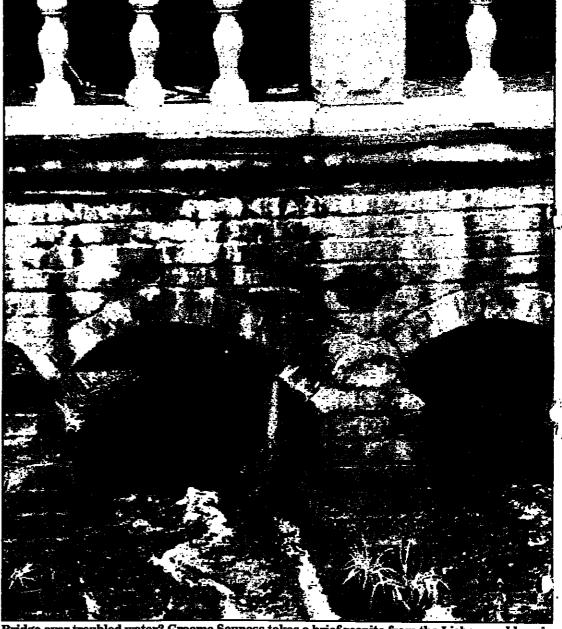
Yet another part of him yearns to return home. The various English managers' jobs Souness has been linked with, notably at Blackburn, have only been speculative. "It's flattering," the man says. "But it's not an issue until someone makes a concrete offer. And no, nobody has.

"You can't rule out anything in football. You just don't know what's round the corner. If you coach a Latin club, you're always only four games away from the sack at any given time, and that applies to the guys at Porto and Sporting too. Sure, I would like to manage another club in England again, some time: But it would have to be the right

"What I do know is that I have a wife and family back in England, and although Karen travels out a lot to see me, or I come home when I can after the weekend, it's not enough. I have a commitment and duty to my family, and I must start to look after this side of my life more sooner

Graeme Souness plunges his hands deep into his coat pockets and casts a long, lingering look around, the rural silence only interrupted by the sound of a crow and the ripples from the stretch of river he owns. "This is me," he says, almost to himself as much to his inquisitor, as he heads back indoors to spend some valuable time at home before flying back to Lisbon and the hot, bubbling





Bridge over troubled water? Graeme Souness takes a brief respite from the Lisbon cauldron in the garden of his home in the Hampshire countryside

# Jenkins withdraws diplomatic relations

Life at Number 10: An Autobiography By Neil Jenkins with Paul Rees Mainstream, £14.99, hardback,

A POLITICAL allusion in the title is apposite, since Franco-Welsh diplomatic relations are given a bit of thump in the run-up to the season of goodwill. It is to be hoped that Neil Jenkins' book remains this side of the channel.

Should any Frenchman read "Brive Encounters", the Wales stand-off's 19th chapter (neatly titled, as they all are, the majority seemingly puns on film titles), he would probably have an apoplectic fit. It deals with the infamous

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Heineken European Cup tie in France between Jenkins' club, Pontypridd, and the eventual winners. Brive. And it lays the blame firmly at the feet of the French.

Worse, New Zealander Murray Mexted is quoted at length on French attitudes to the game in general. The former All Black No 8 had a spell with Agen and does not mince his words: "Playing at home you go down on the ball and every-thing is OK; playing away you never go down on the ball, unless you have

it in you to die for your club. In other words in home matches you kick the hell out of them and in away matches they kick the hell out of you. The average French club is not expected to win away... French referees apply great favouritism to the home side..." And there is more in the same vein. Jenkins fans the flames by adding: "It is worth quoting Mexted at length because his words came true for Pontypridd in

The latter match overflowed with passion from both sides; it was also packed with punch-ups. And once the final whistle had blown on a disappointing and narrow defeat for the Weish club, the frustration

Dax. then in Brive."

was frog-marched along to the Bar Toulzac where there was another,

more serious flare-up. Jenkins says: "It emerged that the trouble had started when one of their players threw a bottle at our centre Jason Lewis and it hit him on the head." Two wrongs... as they say, but as Jenkins says, "... to attack one of us was attack us all

... Ponty boys do not hold back."
Indeed they did not, and it all ended unhappily after that.

For all the apparent macho posturing of that particularly unsavoury affair, Jenkins actually comes across very well. His innate honesty and candour are given veracity, courtesy of Rees's un-

doubted skills. All too often Jenkins has been accorded robotic qualities because of his phenomenal. metronomic kicking ability, to a

certain extent dehumanising him. There is no doubt that the statistics are an integral part of the man, and a stunning section at the end of the book attests to his forte. But co-writer Rees has managed to open the door on this particular No 10 and has brought out the inner man a little.

The 27-year-old Jenkins has the good grace to admit that this autobiography only goes up to half-time. The finished product should make for an even more rounded read. David Llewellyn THIS WEEK'S TOP TEN SPORTS BOOKS

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# Davis Cup rethink follows Swedish success

AS THE arias subsided on Saturday with the realisation that titaly's Davis Cup final cam- By JOHN ROBERTS paign had ended in defeat after three matches, Davide Sanguinetti's mobile telephone was Andrea Gaudenzi had been cut stolen from the side of the court. The Italian No 2 was probably relieved that he was unable to take calls.

By this time the switchboard at SVT the Swedish terrestrial television service, had resumed normal service. It had been jammed by irate viewers complaining that coverage of Friday's epic opening match between Magnus Norman and

off with the Swede serving at 5-4 in the fifth set.

Regional news programmes were shown in place of the dramatic climax to events at the Fila Forum, where Gaudenzi saved a match point and was then forced to retire because of a torn shoulder ligament when serving at 6-6, 0-30.

This was not the first example of Swedish television pulling

the plug on the Davis Cup. The sion's action as part of a wider petition and five-set singles of the Davis Cup Committee), match between Thomas Enqvist and Italy's Renzo Furlan during last year's semi-final was cut for a children's programme. and none of the monumental 1996 final against France in Malmo was shown live.

"It seems that they don't understand what the Davis from their point of view. But. Cup... means to people," said Jan Francke, president of the Swedish Tennis Federation. who is among the contenders to succeed Brian Tobin as president of the International Tennis Federation next July.

Tobin saw Swedish televi-

the first day," he said. "Great drama, great stuff. Swedish television knocked off in the fifth set and and didn't finish the match because of time constraints. That's not very good

reasonable period." The Davis Cup Committee is considering a proposal to have the purity of the game. "That's three-set singles matches for the fear," he agreed, "Neale

that we have to try to contain

the matches into some sort of

problem. "We love exciting five- matches for the semi-finals set matches like we had here on and final. The doubles matches - the only contest played on the second day - would con-

tinue to be played over five sets. "We're looking into that proposal (for 2001)," Tobin said. "It's out of deference to the players to some extent, their schedule. It's out of deference to the time again, it leads home to the fact people sit, and to the television time you can get."

Tobin was asked if there was not a danger of damaging the first two rounds of the com- Fraser (an Australian member

who captained in Davis Cup matches, will tell you that stamina and fitness is a big component of being able to win tennis matches. He believes that five-set matches are the ultimate test. He's weakening, though."

Fraser's idea is to play two three-set matches on the opening day while retaining five sets for the doubles and "live" reverse singles.

Tobin, emphasising that the committee is "only discussing options", added that another proposal was to reduce the

number of teams in the elite host country promoting. Televi-World Group from 16 to 14.

What does that do? It gives the two finalists (from the pre- tion has been going for a hunvious year] a bye. Sometimes you win the Davis Cup in December and you lose it in Feb- don't want to go backwards." ruary. It would supposedly give the top players one match less in a year, one week less. Does

whoever, to play? I don't know. "We're looking at perhaps combining some sort of roundrobin system instead of a knockout for the first three rounds. That way you know where the matches are, which helps the

A legend

lives on

in style

MAGNETISM IS important if you are a tennis player. I had realised a year before that John McEnroe, whom I had paid no

previous attention to, had it. He had been on a chat show, shirt half open. (this had nothing to do with it), being funny and clever. Not brattish and no sign of the fluffy cartoon hair. Thank goodness for the Se-

nior Tour of Champions at

Olympia then. Another chance

in this case my first, to see leg-

ends that you have heard about.

read about and just come to see

for yourself, play again. I wish

other sports did this. How good

it would be to see George Best

kick a ball for real, even if he did

it slowly, and with the encum-

brance of a Santa-belly. A dis-

appointment? Faded glory? Not

a bit of it. Best's magnetism

would be what people went to

see and he can still deliver

that Who else? Nellie Kim?

Nadja Comaneci, Olga Korbut.

Them doing just a couple of for-

ward rolls would be enough.

Thus far, McEnroe suffers

not from rickety limbs or an ab-

normal haemoglobin-to-Stella-

Artois count and he plays

tennis fabulously, entertain-

ingly well. I was watching him

on Saturday in a Seniors group

match, playing Henri Leconte,

who was Potsy to McEnroe's

Fonzy. Leconte tries to be cool

and funny and have "it". He's

good-looking even. But I found

him boring. His tried-at funny

asides that the burn-licky crowd

laughed at just made me sit

lower in my seat. He served

some devastating aces, overall

faster and more deadly than

McEnroe. And his bitchy little

cross-court returns caught his

opponent out on a good few oc-

casions. But his tennis shoes

From the moment they all

came out to warm up, McEnroe

had the advantage. "Oh, my God, there's McEnroe", were

the sopra voce whispers from

around me. He changed into his

on-court shoes and took off a

sweatshirt and this brief mo-

ment of undressing prompted

frenetic, some would say beg-

ging, whispers: "Don't tell me

he's going to take his trousers

off. Is he going to take his trousers off?", was repeated five

or so times and not just from

After a few minutes of

squeaked.

women.

sion knows where it is, sponsors know where it is. The competidred years ... and we've got to be very careful to change it. We

Diego Nargiso saved Italy

from a whitewash, defeating Norman 6-2, 6-3 in the second that get [Pete] Sampras, or of yesterday's reverse singles.

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AT OLYMPIA

times I've been there, and how

reassuring it is to see that even

Once the proper game start-

ed I saw how balletic McEnroe's

style was. He jumps around a lot,

his back arches, his feet point

and kick back. Very elegant

style. His hair, I noticed, was

much, much greyer than Lecon-

te's. Also, McEnroe shows his

tummy a lot during play, despite

repeatedly tucking his shirt in.

Leconte's shirt stayed anally in

serve-volley players, they both

played pretty much from the

baseline. Much more genteel

that way. No one mentioned ten-

nis could be so hypnotic and I

was almost fulled. Perhaps be-

cause nowadays tennis is more

girls. I marvelled at their abili-

ty to pick up balls efficiently,

without having to chase them as

I had always had to do. To be

able to see when the player

needed more balls even though

their faces gave nothing away.

And just how many tennis balls

could they hold? I saw one girl pick up at least five and squir-

rel them away behind her back,

not dropping one. I wondered,

were big hands a job require-

ment? Surely they must be. At

one point Leconte got impatient

with a ball-girl's inability to

throw the ball exactly to him and

he, surly, turned away from her, favouring another ball-girl's

balls instead. The shame! The

poor, scorned girl blushed to her

fleshy knees and I realised that

the subject of ball-girls was a fly

on the wall documentary sub-

were some tremendously ex-

balls you never thought they

would, some blastingly fast

aces, heart-stopping volleys

and good proper tennis, where

your head went left, right, left,

Back to the game. There

ject as yet untapped.

leisurely practice McEnroe citing bits as both players got

Then there were the ball-

like a penalty shoot-out.

Despite both being famed as

place throughout.

the big ones do it.

# Headley and Hick aim for Adelaide

THERE CAN seldom have been a less relevant fixture than the one currently being played in BY DEREK PRINGLE the world's largest cricket stadium between an England side lacking its Test attack and a Victoria team shorn of eight first-choice players. Indeed, he MCG has been so empty ever the last few days that you could almost hear the clamour for places in the next Test. As these amount to perhaps two spots at most, the noise has not

been deafening. So far, the strongest claims have come from Graeme Hick, who scored 67, and Dean Headley. Mind you, against a side recognisable only by name as Victoria, it was difficult to draw any solid conclusions other than confirmation that Hick is a lambaster of secondte bowling and that the Engfand tail does not require the close attentions of a decent

fast bowler to collapse. In fact if the shortcomings of the opposition proved anything it was that Angus Fraser's struggle to find rhythm and nip are not over and while Headley was busy bowling himself into contention. Fraser was bowling himself out of it.

On an MCG pitch that had erous bounce and some Headley consistently troubled the batsmen and deserved better than the two wickets he finished the day with. Headley can be distinctly slippery when the mood takes him and he was the only England bowler to hurry his opponents on an otherwise sługgish pitch.

Matthew Mott, a stodgy lefthanded opener, edged a beauty that bounced and left him in the bowler's second over, while Graeme Vimpani, well taken by raham Thorpe at first slip, to cut. At one point, Victoria were 87 for 5 before a patient partnership between Shawn Craig and the wicketkeeper Peter Roach stopped the immediate rot and got within 50 rums of the follow-on target.

As one of the recognisable athletes in the squad, Headley also fielded pretty well, taking a smart catch by his ankles at mid-on and managing a run-out from the same position with a brilliant pick-up and direct hit

in Melbourne

England 373 Victoria 177-5

In a country where chances have to be taken in all walks of life, England's outfielding, and especially their catching, has come in for some justifiable criticism. Dean Jores, a former Test batsman and a terrific outfielder, is the latest to add his two cents' worth.

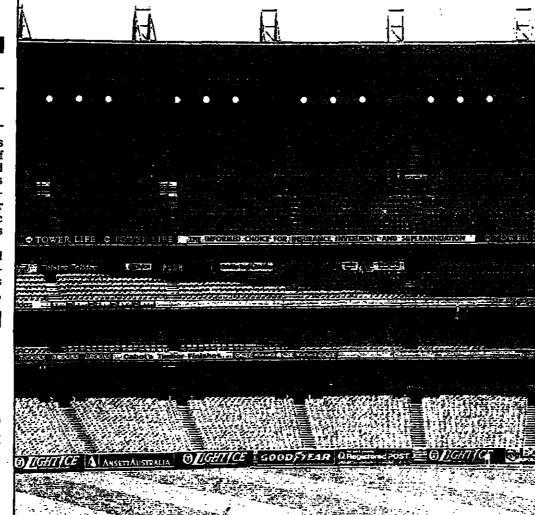
After watching the England bowlers not playing here per-form a series of shuttle sprints after play had started, Jones,

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commentating on Channel 7, said he felt England would be better served by practising skills like catching rather than fitness. Hearing the comments, England's coach, David Lloyd,

not always the calmest of people when criticism is being dished out, went to put the record straight. On a quiet day, speculation that Lloyd had rowed with Jones, formerly captain of Derbyshire, began to spread like a bush fire.

In fact Lloyd, who is on a last warning from the England Cricket Board about his conduct, did not speak to Jones at all. Instead, he sought out the Channel 7 producer Margaret Hutchings to put the record straight. Apparently, he pointed out that had Jones been on the ground earlier, before play had begun, he would indeed England lost their last five wick- turion in this fixture four years



Empty seats at the MCG but Graeme Hick and Dean Headley may have booked their tickets for the next Test Allsport

catching and fielding.

For once, Lloyd was well within his rights to point out the inaccuracy. Unfortunately, in the wake of Graham Gooch's Australian media, it will probably be used to reinforce the belief that all Poms are whingers.

and Ben Hollioake, had genuine cause for complaint and both were victims of liberal in-

have seen England practising ets for 17 runs, three of them to ago, his spell was littered with captain, Alec Stewart, some Jason Bakker, a medium-pacer of few pretensions.

In an ideal world, Hollioake. playing as a batting all-rounder. would be the answer to Engcontinuing curtness with the land's problems at No 7. As it was, only his second knock of the tour ended prematurely when he shuffled and played Actually two of the side, Hick across a length ball that would have missed leg stump.

Later his bowling - his first stint of the tour - fared little betterpretations of the lbw law. ter. Despite the important Both were key dismissals as wicket of Brad Hodge, a cen-

half-volleys and no-balls. At 21, much needed time in the midhe still has enormous potential, but on the evidence here his graduation to becoming an allrounder of Test class is patent-

ly still some way off. That, by and large, is England's problem and it does not help in the creation of a balanced side when those who can bat cannot bowl and those who can howl cannot bat. However, if this makes England's task of levelling the series in Adelaide that much more difficult, this

dle. Amazingly, his century was only his second from the 46 firstclass innings he has played this year.

The match, despite its lack of missed the ball in spectacular schoolgirl fashion. I'd recognise allure, may well have served a purpose by giving Thorpe a work-out, too. Over the past few that swing-round manoeuvre anywhere as the racket fails to series he has been England's find the ball and for a moment most successful batsman a pocket of wasted energy right, at least 10 times. Then against Australia. If Perth is hangs in the air. How many McEnroe won. anything to go by, England need Thorpe fit and firing, not watching from the sidelines with a

# McEnroe may play with **Graf at Wimbledon**

JOHN MCENROE beat Yannick Noah 7-5, 6-3 in the final of the Honda Challenge at London's Olympia yesterday then hinted he might play with Steffi Graf in the mixed doubles at Wim-

bledon next year. The American won the first set in 48 minutes, then went to 4-0 in the second. Noah broke back to 4-3 but McEnroe re-Digest, page 22 | two games, and the title for the to fit it in.

second successive year, after an

hour and 29 minutes. "Steffi saw me in Geneva last week and suggested we might play," McEnroe said of the mooted pairing with Graf. Playing with Steffi is very tempting. It's been about 20 years since I last played mixed doubles. Steffi and I could lose but it's not likely. She could pull gained control to win the next me through so I might be able

### West Indies bowlers left to labour in stalemate The major partnership was then added 87 for the fourth claiming 3 for 106, the best of Gibbs is set to open despite WAYNE WIBLIN hit his fourth with Border having reached

first-class century yesterday but it was not enough to help Border beat the West Indies as their three-day match ended in

With no prospect of a result at East London's Buffalo Park, the game was called off an hour before the scheduled close

Wiblin going to his century in wicket. They departed in suc-139 minutes, off 103 balls and

with 14 fours and a six. Border resumed on 21 without loss and batted solidly all day as the West Indian bowlers toiled balls with 13 fours and a six. without significant success.

NO. OF WINNERS

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1,135,679

SATURDAY'S LOTTERY UPDATE.

Draw date: 5/12/98. The winning numbers: 4, 7, 23, 26, 27, 35. Bonus number: 28. Total Sales: £56,239.245. Prize Fund: £25.307,660 (45% of ticket sales).

Maybe, just maybe. 🔀 THE NATIONAL LOTTERY'

Wiblin and Pieter Strydom

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340 for 8 in their second innings. the 163 Craig Sugden and Mark wicket as Border effectively The last act of the match was Boucher shared for the second ended the match as a contest. They were 206 runs ahead at

cessive overs, both for 84. Sug- tea, when a token declaration den faced 165 balls and hit nine was expected, but it never fours and two sixes, while came and consequently the game petered out.

Leg-spinner Rawl Lewis wheeled away for 26 overs in

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the West Indian bowling figures. having appeared in the middle-The tourists now travel to

Port Elizabeth, where the second Test against South Africa starts on Thursday. The home side have brought in Herschelle Gibbs for Adam Bacher as the only change to their squad for the game at St George's Park.

TOUR MATCH (East Loadon; final day of three): Border 282 for 9 dec (C B Sugden 76, B M White 56; M Dillon 4-56) and 340 for 8 dec (W Wiblin 100no, C B Sugden 84, M V Boucher 84); West Indies 356 (5 Chanderpaul 92, P A Wallace 68; South Africa Test Squad.

order for most of his career.

# Smith sends Bournville to a surprise exit

MARK SMITH, Old Cranleighans' Wales striker, scored twice as the Old Boys overcame BY BILL COLWILL a two-goal deficit to beat the Premier League side Bourn- Rees, dominating the midfield. ville 4-2 in the surprise result were worthy winners in a

of the fourth round of the men's fiercely contested game. After Simon Organ and Phil Harper Cranleighans, with another had given the visitors a two-goal former Wales international, Jon lead in 18 minutes, Cran-

leighans ground their way back. threw away a four-goal advan-HOCKEY Jon Reed responded just before tage against the Premier interval, with Smith getting the League leaders, Canterbury, to

perb cross from Don Williams. Williams lashed home the third before Smith scored his second with a couple of minutes left. It was a wretched weekend

first of his two goals from a sulose 6-5. The Kent club's David Mathews scored five times as they maintained their two-point lead. Canterbury continued their fine form with a 8-1 win against Pelicans in the Cup, with

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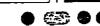
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# **Precise Price** punishes Woods

NICK PRICE snatched the \$1m (£600,000) first prize from Tiger Woods in a dramatic suddendeath play-off at the Million Dollar Challenge in South Africa yesterday.

The big hitters' duel at Sun City was all square over the first four extra holes, but Price's better approach shot on the third visit to the par-four 17th left him with an easier putt.

Woods' putt from the edge of the green swung agonisingly close to the cup. But Price, the 41-year-old defending champion, had done the work with the approach and coolly knocked in a 10-foot putt for his third Miliion Dollar prize.

The 22-year-old American, playing in South Africa for the first time, had set up the playoff with a stunning 18th-hole birdie to go level with Price at 15 under "You couldn't have scripted it any better than that. You know, both Tiger and I played very well today, and I knew going down 16 after we'd hit our tee shots there that one of us was going to win it because the guys behind us [the overnight leader Lee Westwood and Justin Leonard weren't really doing anything," Price said.

Westwood, who hit 66 on Saturday to lead going into the final round by two shots, bogeyed two of the first four holes and never really recovered as the field closed in around him. He finished three shots back, joint fourth on 12 under with Mark O'Meara.

Leonard led briefly, but his challenge faded with a bogey on the 16th, when Price and Woods were on an irresistible surge. "It was really exciting for both of us. It really was. What a day. I don't know how we're going to top this one," said Price, who won in Sun City last year and

"Like I said to him today, Tve got a great future behind me. Yours is all ahead of you'."

at losing but encouraged by his surge, felt he had blown it. "I had a chance. On 17, 18 in few holes. the first batch of play-off holes

BY KIERAN DALEY in Sun City

I had a chance. I pulled both putts, right to left, and that's as good as it gets. In order to beat a calibre of putter like Nick Price you're going to have to make one of those putts, and I didn't make one of those putts," he said.

Woods put his uninspired performance over the first two rounds down to jet-lag and he now faces another long flight to Australia for the President's

Meanwhile, Greg Chalmers won the Australian Open championship after an emotionally charged finish to the final round. Chalmers ended with a closing round two-under-par 70 for a 72-hole total of even-par 288 then looked on as his two nearest rivals both missed birdie attempts which would have forced a play-off.

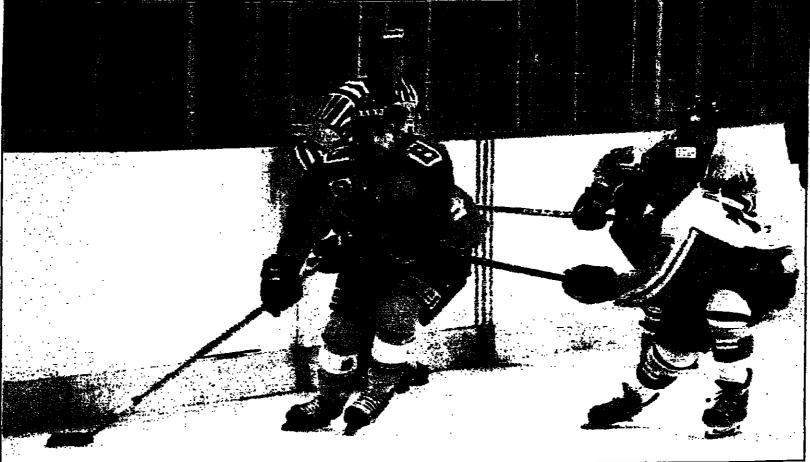
Stuart Appleby, playing his first tournament at home since his wife was killed in a traffic accident outside a London station, narrowly missed an 18-foot putt on the final hole to finish one shot behind after a final round 72. The 1989 Australian Open winner Peter Senior also missed a long-range putt on the final green in a round of 70 to finish tied with Appleby at one

Nick Faldo's expected challenge failed to materialise after he dropped two shots on the front nine to fall five off the pace. The Englishman played the back nine in one-under but was never close enough to mount a serious challenge.

Chalmers, who qualified for next year's US PGA circuit after coming through the tour school last month, became the first left-hander since Claud He was full of praise for Felstead in 1909 to win the

He looked to be cruising to a comfortable victory midway through the final day as he Later Woods, disappointed thrived in the gusty conditions at the Royal Adelaide links. Then came the dramatic final

Scores, Digest, page 22 international club basketball,



Nottingham Panthers' Simon Hunt (right) tracks down Mark Woolf, of Ayr Scottish Eagles, at the Sheffield Arena on Saturday

# Virta's reality sees off holders

THE FIRST trophy of the domestic season was settled in favour of a Nottingham Panthers side whose will to win the Benson & Hedges Cup for the third time proved stronger than Ayr Scottish Eagles' desire to become the first team in the competition's seven-year history to defend it successfully.

Last season's grand slammers - beaten 2-1 - were outplayed in the first and last periods of a tense match in which the netminders, Vincent Riendeau of Ayr and Trevor Robins of Nottingham, both former NHL men, distinguished themselves with some outstanding saves. But it was the middle phase

that turned out to be decisive. With Trevor Burgess off the ice, in the penalty box for the second time in the period, Nottingham's Finnish forward Pekka Virta took advantage of the powerplay to rifle home the winning goal, his second of the match.

ICE HOCKEY By Adam Szreter in Sheffield

Saturday evening's entertamment for a near full house of around 8,000 at the Sheffield Arena had begun with the oblig-

atory anthems, in Ayr's case "Flower of Scotland", although with no British players, let alone any Scots, in their line-up the Maple Leaf might have been more appropriate. Nottingham were only fielding one Englishman in Simon Hunt but their fans, heavily outnumbering those from north of the border, would have cheered for anything with a Panther on its chest.

The opening period lived up to their expectations despite Ayr taking the lead against the run of play with a scintillating solo effort from David St Pierre, who caught the eye on more than one occasion with the kind of weaving run that led

to his goal. The Ayr captain, Angelo Catenaro, an Italian-Canadian previously with Rotterdam, earned the credit for the assist with an astute pass out of defence.

The opening goal came after 10.59 seconds and, very briefly, the wind was taken out of Nottingham's sails. But it took them just 23 seconds to strike back and Catenaro's opposite number, Jamie Leach, was the architect. Leach, a Stanley Cup winner in his time with the Pittsburgh Penguins, worked an opening on the left before flicking the puck back inside the Virta and his instinctive drive flew into the roof of Riendeau's net.

The Panthers could, and perhaps should, have added one or two more before the first interval, Leach himself coming closest when he hit the post. After that the effects of Ayr's wearing trip and last-minute defeat by Mannheim in midweek looked to have worn off. But it Hockey Superleague.

was one of Nottingham's two last-minute recruits from North began to make a real impact. Weaver and Darcy Loewen

had flown in just two days before the final as Nottingham's injury crisis showed no sign of abating, and it was some clever play by Weaver that was the turning point. From almost behind the Ayr net, he found Virta with an accurate pass which gave the Finn time to pick his spot and, thanks to a slight deflection, Riendeau was beaten again.

The final period was attrition rather than sensation but by then Ayr probably were feeling it and the sense that it was Nottingham's day had long since been apparent. It was a good day for the sport itself in this country too, a view enthusiastically endorsed by Ian Taylor, Great Britain's Olympic gold medalwinning hockey goalkeeper, who is now chief executive of the Ice

"It was a great game, and a great advert for us," he said. You've got to have some sympathy for Ayr. They were all-conquering last year but I'm sure that no team is going to do a grand slam again." Mike Blaisdell, the tri-

umphant coach, also paid tribute to his opponents. "They've got some great hockey players and they are tough to break down," he said. There are a lot of teams

in the league that we would have beaten badly tonight because we came at them pretty hard, but they can weather a storm and they don't panic, ever."

As for Nottingham, Satur-day's final was followed swiftly by last night's league encounter with high-flying Manchester, and, with another game at home to Bracknell tomorrow night, it seems there is no rest for the wicked Pan-

# **Travelling** Saints fall by the hillside

RUGBY LEAGUE By DAVE HADFIELD

Northside Saints

IRELAND'S FINEST came a long way to find out that there is still a long way for them to go in their adopted sport. The Dublin side, Northside Saints, were no match for a wellorganised and uncompromising team from the outskirts of Halifax in this first-round tie in the Challenge Cup yesterday.

The Irish champions travelled in hope, after most of their players had been involved in rugby union matches on Saturday, but after a few minutes on Siddal's spectacular hillside ground must have feared they could be on the receiving end of a record score.

Gary Richardson, one of several Siddal players with professional experience, scored the first of his three tries in the first minute, after the Saints committed the sin of squandering their first scrap of possession. When Siddal went 22 points up after only 11 minutes, a

century seemed a certainty. The only thing that could be said for the Saints was that they lacked nothing in willingness. Their prop forward, Shaun Fleming, gave a conspicuously brave display of driving the ball up and their winger, Dave Keogh, grabbed the fine interception try as they trailed by a mere 46-4 at half-time.

"They kept going and never gave up." said the Siddal president, Mick Scott, who played in three Wembley finals for Wigan and Halifax. "This is where it al. starts - in the amateur game but a better way to develop the game in Ireland would be for teams closer to their own standard to go over there."

Siddal continued to pile up the points, the Saints' plight being worsened by the accuracy of another of the exprofessionals, Damieon Pickles, who finished with 13 goals. But the visitors had another moment to remember on their way home when Mark Sheehey dived on a kick through and. Donal Martin landed the goal to take them into double figures.  $^{\circ}$ 

"It was a great experience for the lads and it's only going to do us good," Ray Monaghan, the Saints captain, said. "It's shown us what we've got to do. thrash them."

Lewis, Thompson.
Northside Salnts: R Monaghan; MartiGreety, Sheehey, Keogh; Cushen, KemejFleming, Fanning, Kavanagh, Veale, I-d,
derson, Valsh, Substitutes assed; Conn.
Jr. D Monaghan, Douding, White.

# British league stands firm over imports

THE INTERNATIONAL Federation's decision to scrap all restrictions on the numbers of BY RICHARD TAYLOR European competitions will not has been cast in a revolution- they will still suffer from lack of lead the Budweiser League to ary light by FIBA's move to finance and quality players. increase its own limit above five

executive, Mike Smith. The League, for so long languishing in the backwaters of BASKETBALL

allow total freedom of moveper team, according to its chief ment by players, including Americans, between clubs.

The League has allowed five foreigners per team, almost exclusively Americans, against

an allowance of two for the rest after the Bosman ruling, we to attract higher quality players of the world. English clubs always believed it would prove and the best English talent should now be more likely to legally unsustainable for FIBA plays on the Continent.

FIBA's decision will, in theory, permit 10 Americans per team, although they will still allow national federations to set their own limits.

Smith said: "Back in 1996, has restricted the clubs' ability

would not expect our owners to come into force. be in favour of allowing up to 10 foreigners per team."

has dropped, as the salary cap

nationalities on a club but I when the new regulations will

In the League Trophy, Chester Jets took a clear lead With some exceptions the in Group A by following up overall standard of Americans Saturday's 82-77 win at Milton Keynes by defeating Thames Valley Tigers 96-78 last night.

# Liverpool to lay low Vigo

DESPITE SATURDAY'S 2-1 de SPORTS BETTING feat at Tottenham, Liverpool look a fair bet to beat Celta Vigo in the second leg of their third round Uefa Cup tie at Anfield tomorrow night. The Spanish Saturday's 1-1 draw at Salamanca, ruthlessly exploited Liverpool's legion defensive frailties with a 3-1 victory in the first leg and are odds-on to go

through to the quarter finals. But that easy first leg win means Celta Vigo can afford to lose by a goal tomorrow and, although they would much prefer the comfort of an easy draw, the visitors are bound to defend deep all night and, if they go a goal down, are unlikely to make E, Panathinaikos, despite losmuch of an effort to do anything

Manchester United may be held to a draw by Bayern Munich in their Group D match in the Champions' League at Old Trafford on Wednesday. For a side which has conceded just 13 goals in 15 games in the Bundesliga this season, Bayern conceded two unbelievably soft goals in their 2-2 draw with United in Munich. And, despite Bayern's 2-2 draw at VfL Bochum on Friday night, United cannot bank on finding the Munich defence in such generous mood again.

And for Peter Schmeichel, the United goalkeeper, it might be a case of "able was I ere I saw Elber." For Giovanni, Bayern's outstanding Brazilian striker of that name, the leading goal scorer in the Bundesliga with nine goals, could easily run amok amid United's fragile defence.

By Ian Davies

With the Champions' League entering its final round club, third in La Liga following of matches, there are some good bets to be had. In Group A, Porto, already eliminated, may go down to their visitors Ajax, who could qualify if they win, while in Group B, Athletic Bilbao (also out) may lose to Galatasaray, another club in with a chance of qualifying

In Group C, the moderate

Sturm Graz (out) are unlikely to put up much of a battle against the fighting-for-survival Internazionale, while in Group ing 4-2 to Olympiakos on Saturday, could make short work of Arsenal (also eliminated) who will be without Tony Adams, Patrick Vieira, Nigel Winterburn, and Emmanuel Petit (all injured) and Dennis Bergkamp, who wisely eschews the big metal bird.

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Light-hand galoping course; run-in 210yds.

Course is E of town on A758. Ayr station (service from Glasgow) in ADMISSION: Cub E4; Grandstand S7 (OAPs half-price).

CAR PARK: Free.

FIVE-YEAR STATISTICS

LEADING TRANSERS: Mrs M Reveley 23-133 (173%), J J O'Neill 18-105 (173%), L Lungo 18-140 (129%), P Montieth 17-121 (14%).

LEADING JOCKEYS: A Dobbin 36-164 (22%), B Storey 24-147 (163%), P Niven 18-112 (163%), R Supple 12-63 (18%).

FAVOURTIES: V8-373 (391%).

LONG DISTANCE RUNNIERS: Star Selection (100) has been sent 24 miles.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: My House (200).

SAMMY RODGER NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2m

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9ETTING: 9-4 Premier Cru, 4-1 Charlie Fostrot, Rossel, 11-2 Wynyard Knight, 7-1 Cavaller D'Or, Star Selection, 16-1 Caramon Sound, Heim Wind, 25-1 others

FORM VERDICT

An interesting event, with Premier Cru making most appeal of those with previous chase form, tolkwed by Charlie Found. However, ROSSEL comes to chasing in good heart after some fine runs over hundles, and it could pay to side with him.

1.30 JIM O'HARE NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 215 FARFIELDS PRINCE (27) (D) G M Moore 6 11 8 ..... Callegham

BETTING: 7-4 Rapier, 9-4 Farfields Princa, 5-1 Begorrat, 8-1 Finisterre, 10-1 Cinema Paradiso, 14-1 Pubma Prospect, 20-1 others FORM VERDICT

Furfields Prince did not give his true ruming at Sedgefield last time and is Retly to be a very different proposition here. But his 10b persetly gives him a stiffish task and preference is for RAPIER, who is unproven beyond first on the Fat but who has plemy of stamins on his dam's side and must have a decent chance of getting the 2m over hurdles.

2.00 LITTLE BIRD HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £5,000 added 3m 5f 

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Minimum weight: 10st. True handicap weights: Copperhurst 9st 10th, Bright Destiny 8st 50. BETTING: 3-1 Claimbell, 4-1 For Cathat, Judicious Captain, 5-1 by House, Prime Example, 7-1 Peter, 12-1 Bright Destiny, Copperhurst, 20-1 others

FORM VERDICT A very open staying handicap chase where stamina will be at a premium. The conditions should suit CLAIRABELL well and, following an excellent effort a Newcastle last month, she tooks ricely handicapped. Other to consider include For Cathal and Judicious Captain but the application of blinkers to key the

2.30 GEORGE GRAHAM MEMORIAL H'CAP CHASE (CLASS C) £7,000 added 3m 1f 

Minimum weight: 10st. True handicap weights: Solsginth 8st 13tb. BETTING: 11-4 Solsginth, 7-2 Burnt Irap, 4-1 Son Of Irls, 9-2 Persons Boy, 9-2 Maître De Musique, 10-1 Santa Concerto FORM VERDICT

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SOLSGIRTH, by the stayer Authors out of a winning pointer, is effective at 2m when the ground is testing but he was certainly not stopping at the and of a 2m4ffflyds contest on heavy ground at Heidhem isst time and he could well prove just as effective over today's trip. He can score from Burnt Imp.

3.00 GEORGE STEEL NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (D) £5,000 added 2m 5f 110yds  /F325- KINGS LANE (228) J Dun 9 10 12 \_\_\_\_\_ E Husband /100P2 THORNITOUN HOUSE (23) J Golde 5 10 11 \_\_\_\_ E Callaghan 2-1F4U TRUGGERFISH (11) P Mortesin 6 10 8 \_\_\_\_\_ B Storey 3-21P HANCOCK (F479) (D) (8F) J Hetherton 6 10 7 \_\_\_\_ P Niven 5-4566 MONSIEUR DARCY (43) J Adam 7 10 4 \_\_\_\_ B Powell 003-40 AMOLERIC (9) M Todrurter 5 10 4 \_\_\_\_\_ C McCommack (5) -3523P MANHATTAN RAINBOW (24) Mrs S Bradburre 7 10 1. B Harding F6P-8U SUPER GUY (7) J Bardsy 6 10 0 \_\_\_\_\_ D Partist 55-32P MR SLOAN (12) J Golde 8 10 0 \_\_\_\_\_ D McPhall (5) 066-20 THE OTHER HALF (43) L Lurso 8 10 0 \_\_\_\_\_ R Supple - 14 declared -

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Mramum weight: 10st. Tive handicap weights: Super Guy 9st 8b, Mr Stoan
9st 8b, The Other Helf 9st 7b, Olise Boy 9st 3b.
BETTING: 2-1 Course Doctor, 9-2 Bourbon Dynasty, 5-1 Mr Cavallo, 6-1
Thornsoun House, 8-1 Kinga Lane, 10-1 Monslear Darcy, 12-1 Hancock,
14-1 The Other Helf, 16-1 others FORM VERDICT

COURSE DOCTOR. We looked a big threat to eventual winner No Retreat when he unseated his rider at Haydock last time, can score from Bourbon Dynasty. 3.30 'BREATH OF FRESH AYR' NOVICE HURDLE (E) £3,000 added 2m 4f

FORM VERDICT
Sunriae Sensation can find the concession of 5th to NORTHERN MOTTO beyond him. This trip may be on the sharp side
for Northern Motto, who has raced over a similar distance on
the Flat, but he is in good heart and an enterprising ride should
see him come out on top.

### FAKENHAM

12.50 Barton Scamp 1.20 No Such Parson 1.50 River Beat 2.20 Dandle Imp 2.50 Take Cover

INSPECTION 7.30am.
GORNG: Good to Soft (Good in places).
Left-hand, light course. Run-in of 200yds.
Course is S of town off B1146. ADMISSI se is S of town off B1146. ADMISSION: Members £12; and & Paddock £6. Accompanied under-16s free. CAR PARK: Members 27 (23 for evening meetings): remainder free.
FIVE-YEAR STATISTICS

II LEADING TRAINERS: Mrs D Habins 8-26 (308%), O Branners 8-32 (29%), G Prodromou 8-19 (318%), J Jemkins 6-39 (154%),
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FAVOURITES: 75-97 (381%).
BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Modest Hope (visored, 12.50);
Dunsbrattin (visored, 3.20), Yejtahed (1.50).

12.50 GB PRINT SELLING H'CAP HURDLE (CLASS G) £2,500 added 2m 

1.20 L L FIRTH MEMORIAL H'CAP CHASE (CLASS F) £6,500 added 2m 110yds OH-LU NO PATTERN (7) (D) G L Moore 6 '20 ... P Hide B 84F4 THE MOOR (18) (D) M Tomple's 7 11 ... A Magaine 53344 NORTHERN SADULER (18) (CD) R Hodge 11 08 ... W Millermoon PSJ.30 - NO SUCH PARSON (282) MY S L Buddey 8 108 ... W Millermoon 605-P4 SLEAZEY (14) (D) S J O'Neil 7 '10 3 ... D Leetry PUZZ-P HIGHLAND FLAME (23) (D) A Bactmore 8 10 0 ... L Aspell F-4P40 STAGE PLAYER (193) (D) MS C Caroe 2 10 0 .... C Webb - 7 declared m weight: 10st. True hendicap weights: Highland Flame 9st 9th, Stage

Player Set 90. BETTING: 6-4 Northern Seddler, 11-4 Sleazwy, 7-2 The Moor, 10-1 No Pattern, 12-1 Highland Flame, 20-1 No Such Parson, Stage Player FORM VERDICT NORTHERN SADDLER has an excellent opportunity to arrest his losing run and, the pick of the weights, will be hard to beat. Sleazey, better handicapped than The Moor, is the danger. 1.50 EASTERN DAILY PRESS HURDLE (CLASS D) £4,000 added 3YO 2m

FORM VERDICT

With interesting recruits from the Flat in opposition, the pro-gressive MCTHERS HELP cannot be a confident choice but her Newbury third does set a lair standard. River Beat is next best, ahead of Auteuil winner Bold King. 2.20 STEPHENSON SMART HANDICAP CHASE (D) £7,500 added 3m 110yds

FORM VERDICT

BASSENHALLY, running well and from a yard in form, is pre-terred to ageing four-times course writter Martor Mileo, though potentially dengerous Symbol Of Success tempers confidence. 2.50 GRAHAM BUILDING SUPPLIES NOVICE CHASE (D) £5,000 added 2m 5f 110yds

1 040-06 EAU SERVITE (16) H Callingridge 7 to 12 . .. \_ 8 Clifford

2 //31-2 EL CORDOBES (23) Mrs J Buckley 7 10 12 \_\_\_\_\_ W Marraton
3 375/0 LEAD VOCALIST (30) (C) (D) R Rowe 9 10 12 \_\_\_\_\_ N WEBsman (3)
4 0PLPFP LORD LOFTY (14) J R Best 8 10 12 \_\_\_\_\_ Lornwinns (3)
5 634-LU SALLSONG (C3) (C) J Whyte 9 10 12 \_\_\_\_\_ J Goldstain (5)
6 14-25 SINTCAB (16) (C) J GROTO 6 10 12 \_\_\_\_\_ J Goldstain (6)
7 PGJ.2- TAKE COVER (290) M Tompletes 7 10 12 \_\_\_\_\_ A Megaline
8 6C4540 TEL E THON (16) Mas C Carred 11 0 12 \_\_\_\_\_ C Webb V
BETTING: 1-2 Skycab, 6-1 Take Cover, 8-1 El Cordobea, 10-1 Lead Vocalist, 12-1 Salisong, 33-1 others

FORM VERDICT

SKYCAB will be hard to beet, as he has achieved a good level
of form - much the best on offer here - is a proficient enough
jumper and has shown his form under today's conditions. Taken
Cover is the obvious benefactor in the unitedy event of a mishap.

3.20 WILLIAM YOUNGER EAST ANGLIA HANDICAP HURDLE (E) £5,000 2m 4f 

FORM VERDICT

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The fanced horses have doubts about them, the best of them. Butm Out, on account of this in-and-out profile and his latest form having been devalued since. The vote is given to the well-handicapped formerly decent hurder ALZOOMO, for whom the booking of Adrian Maguire looks significant.

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# Imperial force on the march again

WHEN IMPERIAL Call won the By GREG WOOD old Cup at Cheltenham in 1996, his colours were mounted in the track's Hall of Fame, and that, it seemed for a long time, was as close as they would ever get to glory at Prestbury Park again. While Imperial Call struggled to overcome injuries and a loss of form, the next generation of chasers developed and flourished, and Ireland found new idols like Docarry its hopes at the Festival

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But no-one told the horse that he was last year's model. and yesterday he jumped and galloped like the champion he once was to beat Dorans Pride in the John Durkan Memorial Punchestown Chase. The King George VI Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day is expected to be his next assignment, and he is now as short as 12-1 to become the first horse in National Hunt history to regain the Gold Cup.

There were just one and a half lengths between Imperial Call and Dorans Pride at the line yesterday, but taking the race as a whole, the difference between them was rather more apparent. While the former champion's fencing was fast and accurate, Dorans Pride made a series of mistakes, and he only closed on Imperial Call when Paul Carberry, the winner's jockey, was confident that victory was already his.

"I was happy to let him bowl along at a sensible pace and he was getting lengths at his fences," Carberry said. "I didn't want to make too much use of him in holding ground but I'm very happy with the way he did it."

The only question in anyone's mind afterwards was whether Bob Treacy, a 25-1 outsider, might have beaten them with but for a bad mistake at the anal fence, and his unexpected presence at the finish certainly seems to have coloured the Tote's judgement of the form.

The Gold Cup's sponsors will still lay 20-1 about Imperial Call winning the race again next year, which is almost twice might not even go to Kempton."

the price of Dorans Pride, who is generally a 12-1 chance.

Richard Dunwoody, Dorans Pride's jockey, yesterday, reported that "he made a mistake at the last fence first time round and it took him an awful long time to get going again. Jumping out of that ground doesn't help my horse."

The Irish, of course, still berans Pride and Florida Pearl to lieve that they have something even better at home. Florida Pearl, who will not see a racecourse until the Ericsson Chase at Leopardstown in three weeks' time, is Ladbrokes' 7-2 favourite (from 4-1) for the Gold Cup.

RICHARD EDMONDSON Nap: Opera Buff (Lingfield 2.10) **NB: Course Doctor** (Ayr 3.00)

The Ericsson Chase is also a possible target for Imperial Call, but Kempton's Boxing Day meeting is the first choice for Raymond Hurley, who took charge of his preparation when Fergie Sutherland, his former trainer, retired.

"The King George would be my preference," he said, "although we won't be making plans until we see how quickly he recovers in the next few days." Sarah Lane, speaking on behalf of Imperial Call's owners, confirmed that "if he's in good form and there's a cut in the ground, we would be very tempted."

Last year's King George winner, See More Business, is also on course for Kempton after his defeat of Dom Samourai in the Rehearsal Chase at Chepstow on Saturday, although he too would benefit from easy ground.

"He's the sort of horse who improves for a run or two and he is bound to improve from yesterday," Paul Nicholls, his trainer, said yesterday. "But it all depends on the ground on the day. If it is good to firm he



Not surprisingly, the Ericsson Coral will offer you just 5-1 Chase would be the obvious al-

ternative. Dom Samourai, meanwhile, will return to Chepstow on 28 December and attempt to improve Martin Pipe's already outstanding record in the Welsh National. Pipe has already won the race five times, although it is five years since Riverside Boy provided him with his most re-

cent success. "I was very pleased with the way he ran yesterday and the plan is to run in the Welsh National as that looks the right sort of race for him," Pipe said yesterday, which explains why

against him this morning.

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Florida Peerl	41	41	7-2	9-2
See More Bosiness	8-1	7-1	B-1	7-1
Cyfor Malta	10-1	10-1	7-1	11-1
Dorges Pride	12-1	15-1	12-1	14-1
Suny Bay	12-1	12-1	10-1	14-1
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imperial Call	12-1	14-1	<b>12-1</b>	20-1
Unsinkable Boxer	20-1	14-1	14-1	14-1
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GOLD CUP BETTING

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Gatflax a bloody expensive flop

tailed-off last of nine finishers today. He wasn't distressed last first run night and he ate up. aking pur-"He bled from both nostrils guineas, after the race but we will canter him and scope him and see if it his lungs. He also cut his lip when he overjumped at a fence and we hope that the blood from his nose is related to that,

rather than his lungs. "It was disappointing but at least we know that that he is better than that. He won't run for at least a week but he could

GATFLAX, WHO finished a yesterday: "He seems fine Olivier Pestier yesterday became the first European to win the World Super Jockeys Series, in Japan. John Murtagh and Frankie Dettori filled the last two places in the competition between 13 riders.

■ Lord Huntingdon, who is to retire from training at the end of the year, scored with his final overseas runner when Tiger Shark won the Criterium du Languedoc at Toulouse. ■ Racing at Fakenham today hinges on a 7.30am inspection because of frost and snow.

FIRST SHOW LINGFIELD 3.30 5-1 9-2 4-1 5-1 9-2 Isabella Gorgana 1942 942 1142 51 5-1 Kompensen n. 2 6-1 11-2 11-2 6-1 TI-2 8-1 TI-2 6-1 6-1 Table A Turn 11-2 8-1 8-1 13-2 13-2 Opera Bull 8-1 15-2 9-1 15-2 8-1 11-1 11-1 10-1 10-1 10-1 Melgor Strike 33-1 33-1 33-1 33-1 mith 50-1 50-1 50-1 50-1 40-1 Factories: a quester the oxids, places 1, 2, 3 C Corel H William Hill L Lachrokes, S Stanley, T Tob

### LINGFIELD

12.40 KOSEVO (nap) 1-10 Buono Sera £.40 Druridge Bay 2.10 Opera Buff

3.10 Amelesa (nb) 3.40 Present N Correct

GOING: Standard, STALLS: In outside; remander inside. DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low.

Exputitack surface; left-hand, sharp undulating course.

Course is SE of town on B2028. Lingfield station (served by London, Victoria) adjoins course. ADMISSION: Club \$13, Family Enclosure £0. CAR PARK: Club £3; rest free.

FIVE-YEAR STATISTICS

LEADING TRAINERS: G L Moore 91-700 (13%), M Johnston 53-302 (175%), R Hannon 52-402 (129%), Lord Huntingdon 48-239 (201%), Miss G Kelleway 41-265 (155%),

LEADING JOCKEYS: J Weaver 83-397 (203%), L Dettori 77-334 (231%), A Clark 77-681 (118%), R Cochrane 89-400 (173%), S Senders 68-596 (114%).

FAVOURITES: 782-2350 (33.3%),

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Sing For Rosle (310)

12.40 LINGFIELD PARK CONFERENCE CENTRE HAN (CLASS F) (DIV I) £3,000 added 6f Penaity Value 552044 FRIENDLY BRANE (20) (C D BP) (Tempus Fugit) Miss G Kettewey 8 9 13 V 007004 GADGE (23) (C) (D) (J B WICOX) A Belley 7 9 2 J B 122000 ACID TEST (5) (D) (Far Price Record) M A Buckley 3 9 8 S C 5 205005 KOSENO (6) (K Nechols) D Steve 4 9 7 T 10 00000 MAC'S DREAM (USA) (17) (J D Martin) A Central 3 9 0 J 10 00000 PLEN (24) (Miss J Coleman) P Butter 3 8 2 S 8 00000 PLEN (24) (Miss J Coleman) P Butter 3 8 2 S 8 00000 PLEN (24) (Fig. 1) (2. (D) (May far Partnership) R O'Sullivan 5 8 11 S 9 00004 PALACEGATE GOLD (22) (CD) (J King) J Long 9 8 8 J 10 550000 JUSTINIANUS (20) (CD) (Extern of M R Passcal) J Bridger 6 8 5 G B 11 000060 KID ORY (115) (D) (D Creptmen) D Chepman 7 7 13 T W	ч				
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- 11 declared -BETTING: 4-1 Gadge, 9-2 Friendly Bravs, Kosevo, Palacogate Gold, 13-2 Millio's Double, 10-1 Chienn, unaccumentato, 1971 Galler 8 1997: Chapstead Bay 3 & 12 C Scally 16-1 (K lvory) drawn (1) 9 ran FORM GUIDE

Friendly Brave: Has won only one in the pest two years but holds his form well so remains high in the weights. Ath of 10 to Tom Tun here (sit) last month, Ments respect as trainer has good on AW as but but still rain close 4th to Last Reputation in well-contented of the potent hare last these

Gaogac, Not, as good on Aw as furt our sour an close 401 to Last Reputation in wee-contested 71 handicap here last time.

Milite's Doublet 6th of 13 to Royal Cascade in 61 claimer at Wolverhampton on Wednes-day and much worse off with Acid Test who was 8th, just over 21 behind.

Acid Test: 71 winner for W Mur here on the 1 in July, but no worthwhile AW for this trainer.

Kosewin: Close 5th to Etton Ladger in competitive 61 hop at Southwell last Tuesday and it handling this tester surface has bright chance from low draw.

Man's Dreem: Has yet to reveal any worthwhile ability and could only be backed if sig-

reads a bream? read yet of these any won timine abust, and out my be based in agrinificant market support.

Chi-Lian: 8th of 5 pp Marry Jane in 6f cleamer at Southwell last time. Best form when bestern its by Henry The Proud in 6f sell at Northinghem (soft) in April

Ptein Gazz C/D winner in Fabruary but recent form not encouraging. Best only times home when 8th to Present in Correct in 71 handicary here latest Palacegaste Gold: it is a long time since he has won and was unraced since September when fair 4th of 14 to Mammata Boy in 5f cleamer at Sandown (good to soft), but still one for the short fair. us: Usually goes off at the rate of knots but seems to have difficulty sus-

taining it these days Kild Ony: 61 winner at Southwell in January but poor torm since and unraced since Au-

VERDICT: A good chance has been found for KOSEVO whose stable is in fair form. He has a handy draw in a weak race and may have most to fear from top weight Friendly Brave. A revitalised performance from veteran Palacegate Gold is possible.

4	-	40	DACE SPONSORSHIP FOR EVERYONE NURSERY H'CAP
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Minimum: 7st 10lb. True weights: Helen's Standard 7st 9tb, Oh So Grand 7st 7tb, Russian Velvet 7st. BETTING: 2-1 Burons Serz, 9-4 Oh So Grand, 11-2 David, 13-2 Halan's Standast, 7-1 Coder Walls, 1997: Lignan 4 8 12 W Ryan 7-2 (Mrs J Cecil) drawn (4) 5 ren

FORM GUIDE Buone Sera: Has come good on last two outings over C/D finishing 2nd to the Irish raider Repage in malden before driven out to beat Violet in a nursery. Can win again Davild: Behind Helen's Standust when 9th of 14 to Bartholomew in 6t nursery here last time and hard to tancy Ceder Wells: 4l 3rd of 10 to Glassonbury in 7t sell on AW debut here lest month. One

Helen's Stardust: Ran with a little promise behind Bartholomew in 61 nursery here last Oh So Grand: Visored first time and wandered after hitting the front before bin 3/41 by knight On The Waves in Im 100yds sell at Wolverhampton last time Russian Velvet: 8th of 17 to Ceibo Seal in 51mdn on Aw debut at Southwell last time VERDICT: : BUONA SERA has taken well to this surface and can give the weight all round in a race in which he may have most to lear from stablemete Helen's Stardust Cardar Weller has the hest credentials of the others.

1	.40	LINGFIELD RACEGOERS CLUB SELLING STAI (CLASS G) 52,500 2YO 1m Penaity Value £1,737	KES
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000024	MISS TAKE (14) (Crawe & Nantwich Racing Club) P Evans 8 Ti T G MicLaughlin 3 V
00	ADORABLE (43) (K Butter) S Dow 8 6 P Doe (5) 5
	CRASH CALL LADY (14) (Crash Call Ltd) C Allen 8 6
32340	DREAM ON ME (10) (Mark Barrest) G L Moore 8 8 Fenning 11
0200	EBONY (24) (Happy Go Lucky Partnership) B McMath 86
	PATSYS FOREM (20) (H C Promotions) M Elenshard 86 C Rutter 1
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8-1 Lament, Miss Take, 10-1 of 1997. No cortesponding race

FORM GUIDE FORM GUIDE

Glastonbury: Bought out of M Channon's yard for 5,200gns after winning 7/ sell here
by 3 1/21 from Miss Take (rec 5%) with Simpson's Domain and Pathys Forem well-beaten 5th and 6th. Below form in better class event since but still the logical choice
brunding Bay: 2nd to Done And Dusted in 7/ seller at Southwell last time and comfortably holds Crash Call Lady and Miss Take who were 3rd and 4th on that form
Lament: Bt Magic Memories a rik in 6/ claimer here in August but has not been running well of late

Miss Tieke: Seemingly held by many of these but is unpredictable and could cause a

autorise
Adorable: No sign of ability in Newmarket sell and Lecester midn
Crash Caff Lady: Held by Duridge Bay on latest running
Dream On Me: Unplaced in nursery here on first run for new trainer. Previously consistent in sellers though has 11 to find on Druridge Bay on form at Nottingham (im, soft)

rdy: Only form when close 2nd to Landican Lane in 51 68yds sell at Brighton (good in September and not certain to get trip Patays Forem: Well beaten 6th to Glastonbury here last month and no apparent reanain: 51 3rd of 19 to Gold Honor at Newmarket (1711 self, soft) but two

AW runs not encouraging Syrah: 4th of 8 to Light On The Waves in similar event at Wolverhampton last time and VERDICT: There seems to be no good reason for opposing GLASTONBURY as his opponents form is no more consistent than his own. Drundge Bay is suggested for the forecast.

A 49'S HANDICAP (CLASS D) £10,000 added 1m 4f

2	.10	Penalty Value £7,003
ı	286632	OPERA BUFF (5) (CD) (Dorchester Racing) Miss G kelleway 7 to 0 P Fredericks (7) 11
2	100110	NIGHT CITY (32) (CD) (N Shelds) K Burke 7 9 17
3	1200-0	METEOR STRIKE (USA) (206) (S P Tindall) Mrs A Perett 4 9 9T Sprake 3
ı	034000	TOUJOURS RIVIERA (13) (CD) (J Peerce) J Peerce 8 9 8 G Bentwell 2
5	614535	TAKE A TURN (JST) (Sheet & Roll Conventors) Mess G Kelleway 395
5		GLOW FORUM (38) (CD) (Mes J D Anstee & pertners) I. Montague Half 7 9 5 . A Clark 8
7	034664	QUEET ARCH (12) (CD) (BF) (G Roberts) J O'Shea 5 9 5 C Cogan (7) 4
3	602104	STATALIACK (10) (C) (D) (Nutschalling Partnership) D Elsworth 10 8 13 P Goods (7) 1 B
,	500022	ISABELLA GÓNZAGA (21) (D) IJ A Wauch) R Cowell 4 8 11
0	-20250	KNAMESCASH (J16) (D) (D R James) P Bowen 5 8 ft
13	2504-5	SLP JIG (10) (CD) (N Shields) K Buris 5.8 Tr JP Spendar (3) 6
2	050000	SELVERSMITH (FR) (12) (D G Chursion) S Dow 3.7 10
		- 12 declared -

Minimum weight: 7st 10th. True handicap weight: Silversmith 7st 7th.

BETTING: 9-2 Niight City, 5-1 Isabella Gonzaga, 11-2 Kinnescash, Silp Jig, 7-1 Take A Turn, 8-1
Opera Burll, 9-1 Toujoura Riviera, 10-1 Glow Forum, Outet Arch, Statejack, 33-1 Meteor Strike,

FORM GUIDE Opera Buff: Has not won for over a year but maintains his form well. Bin 41 by Paradies Nany (rec 23th) at Wolverhampton last week. Tends to hang left Niight City: Well placed to win 8 races the year but this front-nuner may find it discutt off his current AW mark

Metaor Strike: Not seen out since talled off in a Newbury hop in May. Won Bath meid-en (tm, good) in August last year Toujours Riviers: Moderate recent form but won C/D hop off similar mark in January todipours inviters; Moderate recent form but won C/D ricp for similar mark in January and stable in reasonable form.

Take A Turn: Urbucky not to bustle up Neverre Sameon at Wetherby effer less flight blunder lenest outing. Who at Selfsbury in July but unpredicatable Glow Forms: Comfortable winner at Folkesbore (fm 4t, soft) in October and handles this surface well. May be too high in the handlesp Saturday in a novice chase at Wetherby. But the trainer said be out again at Christmas." Quiet Arch: Beaten over 4I when 4th of 17 to Bon Guest in C/D clariner last time. In good form here early this year and could be on winning mark Statajack: Needs to be held up but given too much to do by inexpenienced apprentice when 4th of 15 to Waasef over C/D last time when 5tip Jig was 5th

zaga: 2nd here and at Wolverhampton on last two starts. Stays well and

rould benefit from a good pace Onnescash: Won 2m hop hole at Amtree last time and in reasonable lorm on Flat Morth considering
Worth considering
Stip Jig: First run rot ower a year when 5th of 15 to Waaser here recently
Stiversmith: Poor recent form. Maden trying bip for first time

VERDICT: KINNESCASH, a recent winner over hurdles at Amtree has some fair AW form to his name and in Simon Whitworth has one of the best index of this circuit. Opera Buff deserves to win a race again and his stablemate Take A Turn could also go well in an open-locking race Toujours Riviera is taken as the main danger

2.40 TRACKSIDE CLUB HANDICAP (CLASS E) £3,750 added 1m fillies & mares Penalty Value £2,859

	284	KAREFREE KATTE (USA) (23) (BF) (Lucayan Stud) M Johnston 3 9 t)
		GILDERSLEVE (96) (Lancing Syndicate) N Berry 3 9 9 S Whitworth 8
	500005	OUT LIKE MAGIC (20) (Mrs E A Dawson) P Evens 3 9 6 Dane O'Well 1
	5604	OVER KEEN (45) (Mass J A Challen) Miss G Kelleway 4 9 5
	05003	ZEVA (12) (T G Warner) P Makin 3 9 3 A Clark 4
	036400	RASPBERRY SAUCE (12) (C) (R M Cyzer) C Cyzer 4 P 3 G Fastioner (3) 12
	040002	MARIANA (47) (C Holcroft) T Clement 3 8 10 A Mackey 3
	00-024	SNOWY MANTLE (14) (D) (Mrs G Fane) J Bethel 5 8 7
	000602	SILENT PRIDE (13) (A Moore) G L Moore 386
1	103000	ELLEYSANTA (14) (Advanced Marketing) A Newcombe 3 8 1
	540004	WILD NETTLE (12) (Mrs J A Cleary) J Fox 4 8 1 Decian O'Shea 5
2	550000	NOBLE WATER (FR) (12) (J J Bridger) J Bridger 3 7 13
		- 12 declared -

BETTING: 9-2 Misriana, 5-1 Karntree Katia, Snowy Marile, 11-2 Silent Pride, 6-1 Zilva, 7-1 Wild Nes-tle, 10-1 Over Keen, Raspberry Sauce, 12-1 others 1997. Whispered Melody 4 9 6 A Clark 11-8 lay (J Akshusst) drawn (4) 12 ran FORM GUIDE

Karetree Katle: Made her AW debut at Wolverhampton (hm) last month when 4th to Ab-salom's Led. Led 5f out until headed approaching the final furlong. Chance here, but seems zmener slever Maden filly, has shown very little since finishing 3rd in an auction maden twell (tm) in April. Linlucky not to win on her 2yo debut when with Bill Watts, but does not seem to have trained on Out Like Magac: Somm bred fifty, who won over 51 as a 2yo, but has been running badly

Out the images sprint area my, this imp and one to rule out

Over Keen: AW debut and ran her best race so far when running on soft ground for the
first time when 4th to Be Warned at Newbury (heavy) in October. Sound chance here with

she stays this easy itn Resberry Seuce: Won on turl (im 3f) and the AW here (im2f) in April. Drops back in trip and may struggle to go the pace, but is on an 8lb lower mark than her turl rating Mariane: Has been placed on burt and the AW Just caught near the finish when 1/2

wearans: risk over placed on fart and the AW dust caught rear the miss in when 1/2 length 2nd to Monts in a tim claiming handicap at Newcastle in October. Often makes the running, so should be suited by the course (finished 2nd here in January) Snowly Mismittle: Had her first experience of the AW when 4th at Southwell (this last month. Looked to be going easily in the lead 2f out and probably neoded the run as it was ner first outing since June Silent Prider Has shown signs of temperament, but ran her best race since joining Gary Moore when 2nd to Speedy Classic here (tim) last month. However, is still a mainter after 25 outhors.

maiden after 25 ourlings
Elleysamts: Won a claimer at Salebury (6f) in July, but finished behind Snowy Maiden Helleysamts: Won a claimer at Salebury (6f) in July, but finished behind Snowy Maide (4th) when 10th at Southwell on her first outing on the AW and is only 4th better off Wild Nettler Has had plemy of chances, both on the AW and furt. Still a maiden after 29 attempts and unlikely to end that sequence here
Noble Water: Finished behind Zilve (3rd) when 8th to Present N Correct on the AW here (7f) last month. Won at Ostend in June, but seems only selling class VERDICT: Many of these have had only limited experience of the all-weather and this could be an opportunity for OVER KEEN, who showed much improved form when tackling soft ground for the first time when fourth at Newbury in October.

3.10 BOOK A BOX FOR JANUARY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (F) \$2,000 2YO 6f Penalty Value \$2,085 

BETTING: 5-2 Flying Officer, 4-1 Amelesa, Lady Caroline, 11-2 Groesfaen Lady, 6-1 Light Breeze, 14-1 La Piszze, 16-1 Debbie's Mope, 20-1 others 1997: Baschworth Belle 8 2 S Carson (7) 7-4 fav (E Wheeler) drawn (f) 9 ran

Flying Officer: Holds Keen Hands, Groesteen Ledy and Ledy Caroline on recent AW form. Missed the break first time out, but was always up with the leaders when 2nd to Adelphi Boy at Southwell (5f) this month. Good chance over longer trip. Keen Hands: Faded over 1f when 6th to Adelphi Boy at Southwell last time. No sign of ability on his other two outings and appears to have little chance Xsymne: Made his AW debut here (8) last month when weakening over 11 before finso would make more appeal in a handicau

form the start which will be a big advantage here Debble's Hope: Has started slowly in both outlings and could only stay on at one pace when 5th to Seren Tag at Wolverhampton (8t) last month. May do better in time

an Lady: Had every chance 2fout when 3rd to Ransan and Flying Officer

at worvernampion (an last month bearen 2 lengths by the 2nd and there seems no reason why she should reverse the form Lady Caroline: Led until 11 out when 11th to Ranaan last month. Thed to make all when 2nd at Southwell (6) before that and doubt about her staying this extra furiong La Plazza: Unraced Polish Parint Rifty out of a Glow mare Light Breeze: Ex-Irish fifty, who was sold very cheaply (1000gns) this year. Has been tried at distances up to 1m and rain her best race on firm ground when 2nd at Tip-peans (6) in August?

peary (5) in August
Lovely island: Made her AW debut at Southwell (7) last month when 12th of 14 to
Vale Of Leven (Tick N Pick 7th). Moderate and seems better at shorter distances
Sing For Route; Finehed behind Lovely Island (5th) when 7th to Behaman Bendit
here (6) on turl in September. Blinkered for the first time on her AW debut and will need to show plenty of improvment Tick N Ploto Drops back in trip and was outpaced at halfway when 7th to Vale Of Leven at Southwell last month (Lovely Island 12th), Unlikely to prove speedy enough

VERDICT: Flying Officer kept on well inside the final furlong when a half length second to Adelphi Boy at Southwell (5i) last time and probably needs this extra furlong. However, AMELESEA could prove a cut above the average performer seen on the at-weather and was always prominent when runner-up in a \$10,000 handicap at

3.40 LINGFIELD PARK CONFERENCE CENTRE HANDICAP

.TU	(CLASS F) (DIV II) £3,000 added 6f Penalty Value £2,0
-40004	DE-WOLF (25) (D A Poole) P Malon 3 9 13
2-6150	CHURCHELL'S SHADOW (20) (C) (R J Gray) B Pearce 4 9 10
-060000	TAKE CARE (79) (M H Keogh) M Tompides 3 9 9
450000	NIGHT AUCTION (24) (D) (D Bremen) & Paling 9 9 8 G Faulkner (
	\$122LING (110) (D) (P & Mrs P Jubert) R Harmon 6 9 6 Dane O'Ne
	MUKARRAB (USA) (38) (I Armstage) D Chapman 4 8 12
542310	PRESENT 'N CORRECT (6) (C) (M B Clemence) J M Bradley 5 8 to S Drown
54-000	TACHYCARDIA (32) (CD) (Lancing Syndicate) N Berry 6 8 To N Carlis
023033	ADIRPOUR (51) (Mrs M Chance) N Chance 4 8 5 J P Spencer (3)
	DANCING JACK (12) (C) (Mrs. J.M. Starmol J Bridger 5.8.0

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De-Wolf: Martien handicapper, who made her AW debut when 4th to Ellway Prince here (6f) last month. Has been dropped 3lb, but siz looks too high in the handicap

here (6f) lest month. Has been dropped 3th, but sail tooks too high in the handleap Churchill's Shedow: Has won twice on the AW over 7f. but is on a 4th higher mark than his last success here last year Looks likely to find this trip too sharp Take Care: First run for new yard, but failed to make the frame in 8 outings in Ireland and finished behind Adirpour (3rd) when 9th of 13 at Down Royal (5f) in September and is only 4th better off.

Night Austion: Won a claimer at Redcar in July, but could never go the pace on her first outing on the AW when 9th at Southwell (7f) lest month and shorter trip is unlikely to help.

Stzzling: Cuse consistent sprinter, who has not run on the AW since finishing 3rd to Pageboy here (6f) in January after being outpaced in the first 4f. Seems better on furth than on the AW.

ਇਸ on the AW krab: Has shown his best form on turf and finished behind Present 'N Correct (3rd) when 13th of 20 at Newcastle (5f) in October, but is 10b better off

Tachycardia: Poor form on turf, but won twice on the AW here over this ting in January when trained by Roland O'Sullivan. Is on a lower mark and looks a possible our-

Adirpour: Ex-insh maiden handicapper, who has his first AW outing. Made the run-ning until headed 1f out at Down Royal in October and should not be far away Dancing Jack: Poor handicapper nowadays and though 19lb lower than when winrung on the AW here (5f) 3 years ago is hard to fancy

VERDICT: Churchill's Shadow has won twice here, but both those races were over seven furlongs. Tachycardia seems to have deteriorated since changing sta-bles and in a trappy race it may be worth taking a chance with ADIRPOUR. Noel Chance's tour-year-old was placed four times from nine outlings in Ireland and looks on a fair handicap mark.

# SATURDAY'S RESULTS

13 ran. 11-8 fav Blowing Wind (4th). 2, 3. (P Hobbs, Minehead). Tota: £17-25; £3-60, £ SANDOWN

Gong: Good

12.50: 1. BRAMSHAW WOOD (A Thomber 19.52). Aller Moor 9-2. 3. Marshe City 19.15-2; 2. Aller Moor 9-3. All

2. Kendal Cavaller 4-1; 3. Forest lvory 11-4 fax. 6 ran. 5. 1%. (P Webber, Barbury): Total 17-20; £2.50, £1.90, DF: £12.10, CSF: £2.584. 2.15; 1. SEE MORE BUSINESS (J Tezzard): 10-11 fax: 2. Dom Semoural 5-1; 3. Escartofique 13-8.3 ran. 1%, 8. (P Nchole, Shapton Mallet). Total: £180, DF: £190. CSF: £4.25. 2.45; 1. HEAD GARDENER (Mr P Costello): 9-1; 2. Dandonell 14-1; 3. King Acryllic 50-1; 16 ran. 5-2 tav Repeat Offer. 1%, st-hd. (R Lee, Presseigne). Total: £4.50; £3.30, £5.00, £2.910. DF: £286.20. GSF: £194.3.

ET1943. 3.20: 1. MEASURED STEP (L Cummins) 3.20: 1. MEASURED STEP (I. Cummins)
11-1; 2. Monicosman 4-1; 3. Laredo 4-7
sv. 6 ran. 3, 13; (J King, Swindon). Tote:
£130; £2.70; £180. DF: £19.30. CSF: £7471.
3.50: 1. YOUNG DEVEREAUX (J Tizzard)
8-11 tay; 2. Darlan 10-1; 3. Peswit Bridga
18-1 13 ran. 11.6, (P Nicholis, Shepton Mallett. Tote: £180; £150, £250, £350. DF:
£1830. CSF: £277. NR: Copper Shell.
Placepot: £3012.70. Quadqot: £602.0.
Placepot: £230.27 Bayes 5: £230.07.

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Gothq: Good (Good to Soft in places)
12.40: 1, TAWAFEK (E Husband) 9-2; 2
Tikopis 9-2; 3, The Writer Ti-8 fav. 11 ran.
12.17; (J Mackes), Tota: 02.40; F120, E200,
120, DF: 5210, CSF: 522.25.
1.10: 1. NIKI DEE (R Supple) 12-1; 2.
Foundry Lane 7-4 fav; 3. Padara 10-1 12 ran. 1½, 17. (P Beaumont), Tota: 500.50; E100, C150, C180, DF: 516.00 CSF: 523.64.
1.40: 1. RANDOM HARVEST (L Wyer) 9-4; 2. Eirespray 6-4 fav; 3. King Luciter 7-1 6 ran. 20.5 (Mrs. M Raveley), Rota: 5200; E100, E160, DF: 5240, CSF: 623.22.
15: 1. AUSSIE 808 (Mr.) Crowley) 10-1; 2. Native Buck 7-1; 3. Russian Aspect 5-1.19 ran. 14, 2/Jr. (Mrs. S Smith), Tota: F0.30; E160, DF: 2240, F160, DF: 560.00.
CSF: 57278 Tucast: 5378.44.
2.50: 1. DR BONES (T P Rudd) 8-1; 2. Tidebrook 4-1 fav; 3. Listen Timmy 10-1 10 ran. 1/4, 4 (F Murphy), Tota: 5250, E230, C230, C230, C231, DF: 5630, CSF: 53780, Incast: 528948.

3.25: 1. ONCE MORE FOR LUCK (M H Augistor) 17-2; 2. Cumbrian Maestro Rosell Island 8-1; 3. Hyderniii 15-2; 2. September 7, 1 (Mrs M Reveloy) Tote: E550: C000: E290, C350, C340, DF: E5930, CSF: Naughton) 11-2; 2. Cumbrian Maeetro 25-1; 3. Lord Richfield 8-1 10 ran. 9-4 fav Caurier; 7. Likins M Review), Tota: \$550: \$190, \$360, \$220. DF: \$14090 CSF: \$1135. Tricast: \$100282.

Going: Soft 12.30: 1. RUSSELL ROAD (R Massey) 4-5 fav; 2. Newby End 7-1; 3. Twisted Logic 7-1 14 ran. Ns. 14 (D Nicholson), Toler. C170; £120, £160, £230, DF; £710, CSF; £719 \$120, \$160, \$230 DF; \$710, CSF; \$739 1.05; 1. DOUBLE STRIKE (W Marston) 6-4 far; 2. Grunge 6-1; 3. Benn View 11-4. 7 ran. 3'A, 5 (Mrs F Sy); Tote; \$230; \$150, \$150 DF; \$50, CSF; \$945, Yucset; \$237, NH; Free Fisga, 1.00; 1. DAMGER FLYNN (W Marston) 9-2; 2. Top Note 3-1; 3. Knightabridge Scot 5-1 8 rad, 11-4 be Failer, Course (Shi), 7. 7, (Mrs P Sy); Tote; \$350, \$200, \$220, \$150 DF; \$250 CSF; \$1818, NR; Dominos Ring, Sister Gale.

\$900; £290, £350 £340 DF: \$59.50. CSF: F718. Tricast: £66998. NR: Tashreet 2.50: 1. OUEENS HARBOUR (D Leahy) 7-2: 2. Smoking Gun 33-1; 3. Do Me A tavour 7-1 15 ran. 3-1 tav Gunnerblong (ath) 10, 1 (Mrs J. Pirman) Tothe: £400; £170 £1520, £270. DF: £21340. CSF: £2405. 3.25: 1. LANCASTRIAN JET (S Wynne) 15-8 lav; 2. Meeter Chet 2-1; 3. £1870m Set 9-2.5 ran. 2. dist. (H Daly). Tothe: £260; £140, £140. DF: £230. CSF: £562; £140, £140. DF: £230. CSF: £562; £140, £140. DF: £230. CSF: £563. Place 96: £6301. Place 8: £4853.

WOLVERHAMPTON Gong: Stow 7.00: 1. FAYM (J P Spencer) 20-1; 2. Lilani-ta 6-1; 3. Time Of Night 12-1; 11 ran. 7-2 fav Tayovulin. 2, hd. (J Whanton). Tota: 22590; 2390; 2300; 2200; DF: E77070; CSF: CYMSR. Ticopath Change Add. Proc. Popts

7.30: 1. JARAAB (S Whitworth) 5-1: 2. Nov. fari 5-2 fav; 3. Bint 9t James 12-1, 10 ran. No. 6. (Miss 5 Witton). Tote: £550; £230. £190, £350. DF: £830. CSF; £1686. NR: Babanna, C350 DF: C330 CSF: E1686 NR: Babanna, Madame Chinnery B.OC: 1. PERUVIAN STAR (7 G McLaughlin; 0-5 faz; 2. Avenging Angel 33-1, 3. Familia 25-1, 12 ran. 8, 2%. (N Littmoden) Tote: E270: C140, E330, E540 DF: E280 CSF: C5902 NF: Supreme Saultation. 8.30: 1. THOPICAL BEACH (G Barchrell) 5-1. 2. Wilton B-1; 3. Sharp Scotch B-4 fax. 12 ran. 2, 3, U Peared) Tote: E340: E240, E340, E370. DF: E3400 CSF: E3341 Tirese: C10886. NR: Mazzed

C70. DF: E3400 CSF; F3341 Treest: \$10986. MR: Mazeed 9.00: 1. TROJAN GIRL (D Sweeney) 6-1; 2. Partisian Blue 33-1; 3. Off Hire 6-1: 13 randani Tote: \$9.20: £2.40. £3.70, £2.10. DF: £78.0: £5. £80.0: £9.20: £2.40. £3.70, £2.10. DF: £78.0: £5. £80.0: £9.20: £3.0: £3.00: £9.20:

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# Scotland happy to be

positive

KENNY LOGAN believes he is playing the best rugby of his career and after stacking up more than 150 points for Wasps this season he shredded the Spanish defence with five tries in Scotland's overwhelming victory on Saturday.

would have broken two Scottish records. For the second successive week they fell four points short of their highest score – 89-0 against the Ivory Coast four years ago - while Logar's nap hand equalled the mark set by G C Lindsay against Wales in 1887.

A hamstring strain cost Logan the record as he retired scoring two tries. with the World Cup qualifier rendered meaningless by the fact that both teams had already qualified - entering injury time only to see his replacement, Shaun Longstaff, score

Scotland's 13th try. With Duncan Hodge landing 10 conversions, Logan's newfound goal-kicking prowess was not called upon, but he said: "I am just happy to be in the team. I've got my hunger back and it's great to be part of this

By TIM WELLOCK at Murrayfield

One more try for Logan created a lot of team spirit and for the first time for several years we have 30 players

battling to get into the team." After playing in only two of last season's Five Nations' matches and missing the summer tour to Australia through injury, Logan returned on the right wing for last week's 85-11 win against Portugal,

He favours the left, however, and a switch of flanks with Cammy Murray did no favours for the latter as he was twice put into space early in the game and failed to make best

Murray did race in from half-way in the second half following a break by Hodge, but there was further evidence that the real cutting edge in the Scottish backs this season could come from the lively cen-

tre Jamie Mayer.



Scotland's Kenny Logan slips a tackle on the way to one of his five tries against Spain on Saturday

pers among the crowd of 6,524 confirmed the current apathy

of Scottish supporters.
Political strife does not help and it was announced that Harvey Wright, the Scottish Rugby Union vice-president, has been appointed interim chairman of the SRU's executive board half performance than against following Duncan Paterson's

One member of each of the three club associations is to be invited to participate on the the standard of the opposition.

number of English day-trip- said: "This is an act to demon- experience and self-belief. They strate the trust that the committee is looking to restore to the game."

> While such words hint at the deep divisions within Scottish rugby, the players showed commendable spirit in producing a much better second-Portugal.

Pertinently, Jim Telfer, the Scotland coach, said: "We are not kidding ourselves about executive board and Wright But players have gained

were always trying to play positive rugby and they have improved with every game."
Scotland: This Logan 5, I Lesle, M Lesle, Longscaff, C Murray, Redpath. T Smith. Townsend, Weir, Contestions Hodge 10.
Snater Benatty Konsteader.

Spain: Penasty Kovalenko.

SCOTLAND: G Townsend (Brive): C
Murray (Edinburgh Reivers), J Mayer
(Edinburgh Reivers), J Leslie (Glasgow
Caledonians), R Logan (Wasps): D
Hodge (Edinburgh Reivers), B Redpasis
(Edinburgh Reivers, capt); T Smith
(Glasgow Caledonians), G Bullock
(Glasgow Caledonians), M Bullock

(Edinburgh Reivers) for Mather, 70: S Longstaff (Glasgow Caledonians) for Logan, 80.

SPAIN: M A Frechilla (Quesos Entrephrares): A Moerto Socias (Valencia Rehnidex). A Enclas (Dulcora El Salvador). F Diez (Liceo Frances). D Garda (Liceo Frances): A Moyaleniso (Real Cance). A Gallastegui (Gebro Artea): J Camps (UE Santbolana). F de la Calle (Quesos Entrephrares). A Altuna (Dad, 5 Tháneau (UE Santbolana). L J Martinez (Oviedo). A Malo (UE Santbolana capt). A Matra (Dulciora El Salvador). O Astarloa (Bayona). Replacements: R Bastide (Colomiers) for Diez. 41; V forres (UE Santbolana) for Camps. 54; J Torres-Morota (El Monte Gencias) for Galsstegui, 54; C Souto (Oviedo) for Malo, 54; Antonio Socias (Valencia licchnidex) for Garda. 63; O Ripol (UE Santbolana) for Enciso. 63; D Zarzosa (Dulciora El Salvador).

# advantage

THE PERFECT script would have read something like this. A substantial crowd, a passionate affair between Swansea and Cardiff and a firm indication that on Thursday night the Welsh Rugby Union would impose nothing more than a suspended sentence on the rebel clubs for leaving the Premier Division to play a series of friendly fixtures against Eng-

exploit

land's leading teams. Nothing, however, straightforward within the realms of Welsh rugby these days and though it was a passionate affair between the rebel clubs, both might have to accept that two out of three ain't bad. The WRU has taken a dim view of the clubs' decision and when it convenes at this week's special general meeting, the governing body is sure to mete out significant

Thankfully, the threat of sanctions did not deter from this supposed friendly encounter in front of Welsh rugby's biggest crowd of the day. It was tradi-tional fare, with both sides providing adequate proof of why they should be among the four "super" clubs to be chosen by

the union on 31 January. In the end Swansea, champions last season and flourishing under the guidance of coach John Plumtree, won by virtue of their forward dominance. They stood toe to toe with an often ill-disciplined Cardiff back five, which became a back three when the Canadian flanker Dan

Cardiff Baugh and the Polish No 8 Greg Kacala were sent to the

sin-bin by Fred Howard. Swansea displayed a more innovative side to their game. and made the most of their numerical advantage in the first half and had the game's outstanding player in the loosehead prop Darren Morris.

By that break, Swansea were out of sight after Matthew Robinson, with two tries, and stand-off Lee Davies, with a hat-trick of penalties, gave the home team a 19-3 interval lead. And though Craig Morgan and Baugh, with second-half tries. cut the deficit, the All Whites made sure of victory with further tries from Davies and the irrepressible Scott Gibbs.

Swamsea: Tries Robinson 2, L Davies, Gibbs, Conversions L Davies; Penalties: L Davies 3, Contiff: Tries Baugh, Morgan; Conversions Burke; Penalties: L Davies 3, Cardiff: Tries Baugh, Morgan; Conversions Burke; Penalting Burke, Swamsear: D Weatherley; R Rees, M Taylor, S Gibbs (copt), M Robinson (C van Remburg, 49); L Davies, R Jones; D Mooris, G Jenkins, B Evans, T Maultin (P Arnold, 6), A Moore (J Griffiths, 75), C Charvis, Lijones, D Thomas.

Lianelli went to the top of the Welsh Premier Division when they beat Pontypridd 24-16 at Srtradey Park on Saturday night. Byron Hayward stole the limelight on his debut from the returning Scott Quinnell.

### Power grabs the glory as **Nicol fades**

### SQUASH

THE CANADIAN Jonathon Power became the first player from north America to win the world title when he scored an unexpected victory over the world No 1, Peter Nicol, in Saturday's final.

Despite losing the opening ame in 28 exhausting minutes Power always had the Briton in trouble with his wrong-footing disguises and sudden volleyed interceptions.

Power quickly won the first five points of the second game and Nicol, suffering stamina problems, let it go. The Scot briefly led 6-4 in the fourth game and he tried to force himself in

front of his opponent on court. However, Nicol's length was too variable and he never managed to dominate his opponent. Power was exultant after the final about a psychological

ruse he employed on himself. "It was the first time since I injured myself in February that I competed without an ankle brace," he said. "It was an incredibly liberating feeling. It was a mental decision I made and it worked really well."

Nicol, who found Power fitter than he had been in the Commonwealth Games final, when the Scot won the gold, said: "I think this was one tournament too many and two matches too far for me."

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BOXING Johnny Tapia, the unbeaten American, won the World Boxing Association bantamweight title in Atlantic City on Saturday, dethroning champion Nana Konadu of Ghana by a najority decision.

The American James Page succeeded in the first defence of his World Boxing Association welterweight dtle at Atlantic City on Saturday with

title at Atlantic City on Saturday with a unanimous points decision over Mexico's Jose Luis Lopez.

PROFESSIONAL PROMOTION (Bristol) Saturday: 8-rd middleweight: W Alexander (Craydon) to J Vincent (Birmingham) pris 3rd. 8-rd featherweight: L Ledwaba (SA) bt P Buckley (Birmingham) prs. 6-rd weiberweight: J Williams (Swarsea) bt M Ramsey (Birmingham) prs. 4-rd featherweight: G Roes (Newbrisge) bt B Smith (Stourport) prs. 4-rd light heavy-weight: M Pinnock (Birmingham) bt D Stenner (Bristol) rs? 3rd. 12rd wacant Interactional Boding Pederation Inter-continental super-middleweight: G Catey (Bristol) bt A Flure (Coseley) rd 5th. 10-rd wacant Weish (Byte-middleweight: G Catey (Bristol) to A Flure (Coseley) rd 5th. 10-rd wacant Weish (Byte-middleweight: P Samuels (Newport) bt C Winter (Denbigh) ke 2nd.

### CRICKET Pakistan A forfeited their match

radicial in Orlettee their match against New Zealand A yesterday when they refused to take the field after the pltch was damaged overnight by vandals. Pakistan A, trailing by 164 runs, declined to re-sume their second innings on the third morning of the scheduled third morning of the scheduled four-day match after the damage.

wickets.
SOUTH AFRICA SOLIAD (v West Indies, second Test, Port Elizabeth, Thursday):
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CYCLING

Richard Virenque, the cyclist involved in the Tour de France drugs scan-dal over the summer, may be about to retire from the sport according to his brother Lionel. Virenque, the the Mountains winner, has been accused by the former masseur of his Festina team of taking the banned drug erythropoletin. Virenque, 28, has persistently denied ever taking banned substances and said last week that official tests that appeared to contradict him were false. Virenque has been dropped by Fes-tina since the Tour and yesterday Lionel Virenque told French televi-slon: "Richard is going to end his

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DRAME R Harrington v A Roy; S Cummings v S Burgess: S Brown v K Sptolek;
C Lazarenko v D Allsop; P Evison v D
Smith; D Lauby v M Manning; P Manley
v E Bristow; S Raw v G Stoddar; A Warriner v J Part; S Downs v H Robinson; D
Priessley v J Ferrell; R Gardner v G Mawson; K Deller v B Anderson; G Verrier v
J Harrey; P Taylor v R Harding; J Lowe v
P Lim.

FOOTBALL

The former England international Johnny Byrne was sacked as man-ager of South Africa's Cape Town Spurs yesterday. His dub threw away a 3-0 half-time lead against Manning Rangers In Cape Town on Saturday.

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AUSTRALIAN OPEN (Adelaide) Leading final-round scores (Aus unites stated): 288 G Chalmers 71 73 74 70.
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OBLEGA PGA CHAMPIONISHIP (Hong Kong) Leading third-round scares: 263 K Wook-soon (5 Kor) 66 65 66 66. 266 H Chin-sheng (lahv) 70 64 67 65; E Rustland (US) 70 69 67 62. 268 B Ruangkic (Thai) 70 66 66 67. 268 Z Llamwei (Ch) 68 66 68 68. 270 E Meeks (US) 71 65 69 65; L Hung-IIn (Eaw) 73 68 68 62. 271 C Espino (Mex) 68 66 69 68; C Tse-peng (Tahv) 66 71 68 67. 272 S Michael (US) 69 67 71 65; C Klyung-Ju (S Kor) 74 67 55 66.

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NiPPON SERIES IT CUP (loagl, Japan) Leading final-round scores (Japan unless stated): 275 K Miyamo
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S Katayama 70 67 71 68. 276 E Her
rera (Col) 71 71 70 67: K Hosokawa 72
65 71 70: N Ozaki 72 69 70 69: 280 T
Taniguchi 70 67 74 69: 5 Maruyama 74
68 68 70: F Minoza (Phil) 69 71 72 69.
281 B Warts (US) 70 67 69 75: T Hamilton (US).

Ireland fired a final round four-under 69 yesterday to capture the John-nie Walker PGA Team championship at Atalaya Park, Marbella. That left them on 420, five shots ahead of England. Spain claimed third a shot behind England, followed by Italy on four under and then Scotland – who had been gunning for third straight title - on three under.

GRIE - On three under ...

JOHNNIE WALKER PGA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP (Atalaya Park, Marbella, Sp) Landing scores and totals: 420 Ireland (D McGrane 69, R Giles 71), 425 England (P Simpson 67, S Khan 72), 426 Span 
IX Pinero 67, Y Beaumonie 70), 428 Italy 
(S Locatelli 68, F Sintich 73), 429 Scotland (J Chilas 72, 5 Gillies 72), 430 Wales 
(S Bebb 71, L Bond 72), 433 Norway, 
Switzerland, 434 Portugal, 435 Austria.

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21; 3 Beckenham 21.
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Northampton Sains 2 Nottengham 3.
Postponed: Leek v Olton & West Warwick; North Notts v Khalsa: North
Stafford v Shrewsbury Standings: 1

WEST OF ENGLAND & SOUTH WALES PREMIER: Cheltenham 1 Taunton Vale 3; Robinsons 3 Swansea 3; West Whitchurch 7 Weston-super-Mare 1; Yeovil & Sherborne 9 Bath Buccaneers 2. Standings: 1 Bath Buccaneers P9-22pts; 2 Robinsons 9-21; 3 Whitchurch 9-18.

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v Lytham St Anne's postponed; Swahwell
v Springfields postponed: Timperley 5
Durham Univ 2; Wigan 4 City of York 3.
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Blueharts 1 Cambridge City 0; Ipswich
1 Dereham 1: Letchworth 2 Ashford 2:
Sevenoaks 0 Harleston 3. Standings: 1
Harleston Magpies 23pts. 2 Ipswich
18. 3 Letchworth 9-15.
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BOUTNEMOUTH 2 Exeter 3: Colwall 2
Redland 1: Exmouth 2 Portisheyd Fire-brands 0; Leominster 0 Taunton Vale 2;
St Austell 3 Cheltenham 2. Standings:
1 Colwall P10-27pts; 2 Exeter 9-20; 3
Exmouth 9-18.

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WOMEN'S SOUTH First Division (Sat): City of Portsmouth 2 Hendon 0; Duhvich 5 Southampton 1: Horsham 1 Reading 4: Maldenhead 1 Rover Cowley 4: Winchester 1 Tuise Hill 2. Standings: 1 Duhvich P11-30ps; 2 Rover Cowley 10-23; 3 Southampton 11-21.

WOMEN'S TRYSPORTS THREE COUNTIES First Division (Sac): Milton Keynes 3 Rover Cowley 0; Oxford Hawks 1 City of Oxford 1; Phoenbardings: 1 City of Oxford 1; Phoenbardings 1 Wycombe Rye 5: Resding 0 Bracknell 1; Sonning 3 Farnham Common 4; West Witney 2 Henley 2: Wokingham 1 Windsor 4. Postponed: Oxford Univ v Newbury. Standings: 1 Bracknell P8-22pt; 2 Oxford Hawks 8-17: 3 Milton Keynes 8-16. EHA CUP Fourth round (Nesterday): Canterbury 8 Pelicans 1; Chelmsford 2 Wimbledon 3 (act); Chichester 2 Lewes 6: Indian Gymikhama 2 Brooklands 3; Old Canleighams 4 Bournville 2; Old Loughtonians 5 Nortingham 1: Richmond 0 Reading 6; Robinsons 1 Old Georgians 2: Southgate 1 Bromley 0; Surbiton 1 Reddington 4; Winchester 2 Northampton Saints 3 (act). Postponed: Bowdon v Loughborough Students: Cannock v Harrogate; Doncaster v Clacton: Hounslow v Norton: Sheffield v East Grinstead. NORTH PREMILER (Sain): Neston 3 Durham Univ. 1.

BUCKS CUP Quarter-finals (Sun):
Amersham 1 Aylesbury 4: Gerfards
Cross 2 Farnham Common 7: Richings
Park 3 High Wycombe 0: Slough 0 Milton Keynes 4.
WOMEN'S EHA CUP Fourth round
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LEAGUE TWO NORTH

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ICE SKATING
NHK TROPHY (Sapport, Japan):
Women: 1 T Malinina (Uzbek) 2.5 total
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3.0; 3 F Sugurt (Japan) 5.5; 4 E
Liashenko (Ukr) 5.5; 5 V Gusmeroli (Fr)
6.0; 6 Y Vorobleva (Azer) 9.5; 7 EM
Fitze (Ger) 10.0; 8 5 Arakawa (Japan)
12.0; 9 H Yokoya (Japan) 13.5; 10 K
Ohs (Can) 15.5; 11 E Ivanova (Rus)
16.0; A Nikodinov (US) ret. Padrs: 1 E
Berezhnaya and A Sikharufidze (Rus) 1 5
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Tikhonov (Rus) 8.0; 6 M Khalturina and
A Kroukov (Kaz) 8.5. N Micaller and B
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M Anissina and G Petzerar (Fr) 2.0 total
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Averbukh (Rus) 4.0; 3 M Droblazko and
P Vanagas (Lit) 6.0; 4 K Winkler and R
Lotee (Ger) 8.0; 5 T Navika and R Kastamarov (Rus) 10.0; 6 M Wing and A
Lowe, (Can) 12.0; 7 € Chalorm and M
Gates (US) 14.0; 8 C Clements and G
Shorrland (GB) 16.0. ICE SKATING

OLYMPIC GAMES Hoping to calm ecologists who fear damage to Poland's national mountain reserve, the Polish and Slovak Olympic committees agreed yesterday to put in a joint bid for the 2006 Winter Games. Ecologists' protests against plans to cut thou-sands of fir trees in the southern Tatra National Park in order to build slopes for the Olympics were among the main concerns of the IOC evaluation commission that visited

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP First round (Set): Barrow Island 24 Cardiff Univ 4; Dewsbury Moor 6 Ellenborough 40; Dudley Hill 66 Leeds University 0; Eastmoor 24 Moldgreen 34: Eccles 78 Garlbald 10; Featherstone Lons 34 Queensbury 26; Hull Dockers 23 Park Amateurs 6: Ideal Isberg 39 Milliom 4; Reighley Ah 6 Dodworth 42; Leigh East 12 Haydock 18: London Skolars 16 Thatro Heath 4; Middleton 12 Wigan St Judes 15: New Earswick 14 Townwile 16: Northad 28 Milliond 22; Outlon 42 York Acom 8: Queens 20 Redhill 18: Shaw Cross 12 Featherstone MW 16. Wilgan Rose Br 23 Blackbrook 16. Postpomed: Clayton v Normanton: Gateshead Panthers v Crosfelds; Ovenden v East Leeds. (Sum): Siddal 90 Northside Saints 10. Postpomed: Rochdale Mayfield v Leeds Metropolitan University; Scottish Border Eagles v Wath Brow.

RUGBY UNION RESULTS

(Waterioo win 79-35 on aggregate)

TENNENT'S VELVET

FIRST DIVISION

Postponed: Boroughmuir v Currle: Stir-ling County v West of Scotland: Watson-ans v Glasgow Hawks.

Second Division: Postponed: Dunde HSFP v Kirkcaldy. Kilmamock v Selkirk

Third Division: Postponed: Glen-rothes v Stewarts Melville FP: Gordonians

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30 Halton Simms Cross 33; Shaw 30

NORTH WEST COUNTIES Second Division (Sat): Dalton 29 Oldham St Annes 12: Heysham Atoms 24 Widnes 4: Latchford Alb 6 Portico Par

LANCASHIRE CUP Quarter-finals (Sat): Orrell St James 33 Leigh R Oak

### SAILING

am Group 4 being the most

be added on to the season in SKI JUMPING Finland's Janne Ahonen, runner-up Cup season, reached the top of the podium yesterday. He also ended Martin Schmitt's winning streak

after the 20-year-old German had beaten him in the first three events. Ahonen, the world champion finally

SKIING

Heavy fog forced the cancellation of the season-opening men's World Cup downhill race for the third straight day in Whisder, British Columbia yesterday. The cancellation marked the third consecutive year poor weather wiped out the race there. A sup

got the better of the German, land-ing jumps of 98.0 and 97.5 metres on the small hill to post a winning

213.5 (89. 92); 11 D Thoma (Ger) 212.0 (89.5. 91.5); 12 J Suchacek (Cz Rep) 211.5 (91.5. 89); 13 A Widhotzi (Aut) 210.5 (92. 89.5); 14 M Steinauer (Switz) 209.5 (90.5. 88); 15 R Horm-schuh (Ger) 209.0 (95.5. 84.5).

The British skipper Mike Garside and his 50-foot Magellan Alpha yester-day led Class II and overall as the Around Alone fleet completed the first 24 hours of the second leg from Cape Town to Auckland. In the Class (60-footers, Isabelle Autissier was the early leader, followed by Marc Thiercelin, Mike Golding, and Giovanni Soldini, with Gold

score of 248.0 points.

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FRIENDLY MATCH

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PREMIER DIVISION

FIRST DIVISION

msea .......31 Cardiff ...........15

ROTHMANS GRAND PRIX (Mail Semi-finals: K Doherty (Ire) by Williams (Wal) 6-2; S Hendry (Sco) bt A Borg (Mai) 6-2.

SNOWBOARDING A blizzard forced organizers to call off yesterday's World Cup cross competition in Ischgl, Austria.

Middleweight Tatsoro Takahama of Japan beat Germany's Eduard Grams on Saturday to become the first wrestler to win three succe

Championships. Svetoslav Binevil.

WORLD OPEN (Doha, Catar): Final: J Power (Can) bt P Nicol (Sco) 15-17 15-7 15-9 15-10.

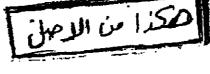
from Bulgaria won the lightweight title match by throwing down Atsuhiro lbata of Japan. Binev is the first Bulgarian ever to win a championship.

Alex Corretia staged another suc-cessful comeback against Carlos Moya yesterday, adding the Span-Ish national ritle to the ATP world crown he took in Hanover last week. Corretja recovered from los-ing the first set on a tie-break to run out a 6-7. 7-5. 6-4 winner in two

hours.
HONDA SENIOR CHAMPIONS'
CHALLENGE (Kenusington Olympia,
London): Accord Group: J McEnroe
(US) bt H Leconte (Fr) 6-4 6-2. Civic
Group: G Forget (Fr) bt P Cash (Aus)
7-5 6-7 10-8; Y Noah (Fr) bt J Lloyd (GB)
7-5 7-6. Final: J McErroe (US) bt Y Noah
(Fr) 7-5 6-3. Third place play-off: G
Forget (Fr) bt H Leconte (Fr) 7-5 6-3.
Doubles Semi-Finals: A Richardson
and J Bates (GB) bt M Pecchey (GB) and
P Fleming (US) 6-4 5-5 ret: N Broad
(GB) and M Bahrami (Iran) bt P McNamara (Aus) and V Amritra) (India) 6-4
GIROBANK TOLID 6-4.
GIROBANK TOUR (Wreatiam):
Men's final: P Hand (Berks) bt N Gould
(Avon) 7-6 (7-0) 2-6 7-6 (7-2).
Women's final: N Egorova (Rus) bt H
Crook (Essex) 6-2 5-7 6-3.

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SECOND DIVISION



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# England stop the clock of history

INCONSISTENT? NOT England. You can set your clock - or to be absolutely precise, your advent calendar - by the way they play their rugby. One world-class performance every 12 months, always in the first week of December, makes them paragons of regularity. It may be exasperating for the patriotic purist who measures his country's achievements in terms of matches won and trophies installed in cabinets, but at least the smoked salmon socialites know when to book their Twickenham tickets.

It was on 6 December 1997 that the red roses last bloomed in such glorious unison and on that occasion, the best side in the world once removed - the All Blacks - were profoundly fortunate to board the plane back to New Zealand with a draw tucked away in their hand luggage. A year on, the latest best team in the world - the Springboks - were not nearly so lucky. Sadly, next year's World Cup final is scheduled for 6 November and will therefore

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partive four weeks early for Eng-and, but in the absence of an appropriately timed international fixture, they could still make one hell of a mess of a few pampered students by gatecrashing the

The message was not lost on Lawrence Dallaglio as the England captain reflected on a tense, neurotic and ultimately tumultuous afternoon of thud and blunder. "The South Africans came here as reigning world champions and, more to the immediate point, as the best and most successful side currently playing Test rugby," he said. "And we beat them. Good for us; it's an incredibly tisfying feeling. But we haven't inherited their mantle by winning one tight game over 80 minutes. We will only equal and surpass the best by beating them consistently and, quite obviously, we still have a long way to travel in that regard."

Before they embark on that little expedition, Dallaglio's men will have to negotiate their way from cloud nine to terra firma rather more quickly than they completed a similar trip his time last season. After tching the All Blacks blow in a spirit of m ture and quickly found themselves in the Parisian version of Queer Street. This time, they sit out the first round of Five Nations matches before welcoming the Scots to Twickenham in the penultimate week of February. That game is now central to England's psychological well-being, as well as to

the World Cup planning. land's first victory over serious southern hemisphere opposition in three and a half years was right and proper a climactic rush of jubilation at the final whistle, a quiet smirk of self-congratulation in the corner of the dressing-room and then a renewed furrowing of the brow in contemplation of the battles

and wars to come. "One of the good things about this performance was the way we reacted to that opening Springbok try," mused the cap-in. "We always thought we would win enough possession to take the game to them, but when you go seven points down early to a side chasing a world record you need self-belief every bit as much as you need the ball. When the question was asked. the belief was there."

In fact, it was England who asked the more fundamental



CHRIS HEWETT

AT TWICKENHAM

South Africa

Springbok tight five, in particular, were unable to answer. The loss to long-term injury of Os du Randt, that Table Mountain of a loose-head prop, has had such a debilitating effect on the Bokke pack that Darren Garforth, Martin Johnson and Tim Rodber were able to clap the tourists in leg irons. It did not help the tourists' cause that Bobby Skinstad, their mesmerically gifted flanker, was permitted so loose a role by the South African tacticians. "He's going to have to get a bit ugly rather than hang around in the threequarters waiting for some razzmatazz; it was seven of theirs against eight of ours for a lot of the game," remarked Jeremy Guscott, talking like a

prop who missed his vocation. Admittedly, Skinstad created the one and only South Africa try by holding up the ball going left, sucking three England defenders into his magnetic field and then floating the most exquisite skip-pass to Pieter Rossouw. But when the Boks needed something earthier, some darker deed to be performed, poor Rassie Erasmus was invariably down there on his ownsome, striving for parity in an unequal struggle with Dallaglio, Richard Hill and Neil Back. It would take the tourists another 75 minutes to break loose again, only to be denied by Dan Luger's fingertips as Werner Swanepoel tried to locate the predatory Stefan Terblanche

with a pass that might have been the saving of his side. By contrast, England's game plan - yes, they really do have dent down to the call for Mi Catt to hang a teasing cross-field kick on the head of a back-pedalling Terblanche. Just as he would deep in injury time. Luger stole a march on his man by fielding the ball and wrestling away a scoring pass to Guscott, who had already pelted around the short side and fixed his sights on the left corner flag. "Nothing to do with me," smiled



Clive Woodward, whose critics

inspired attacking theoretician. At seven points apiece inside 13 minutes, the declarations of intent had been made; there the Devil take the hindmost. It as brutaliv hard. Like two boiled eggs quivering on the same plate. Richard Cockerill and James Dalton were in punching range of each other from first ruck to last. Robbie Kempson found Garforth such a tiresome handful that he lost his rag entirely; Krynauw Otto caught Guscott with a miserably cheap shot that sent the Prince of Centres flying horizontally



questions, questions that the Dallaglio (right) and Cockerill embrace

past the Royal Box; and, more have labelled him a tactic-free legitimately, the magnificent zone. Of course, it had everything Erasmus sliced both Catt and Rodber in two with plutoniumto do with him. He remains an enriched tackles.

In a contest of such grim intensity, the error count was always likely to be decisive. would be no quarter asked or The Springboks made more, far given, no backward steps and more, than England. Not only did they give Matt Dawson, admirably cool on his kicking chance to goal two contrasting second-half penalties to clinch London crowd to see the likes of Percy Montgomery, Joost van der Westhuizen and Mark Andrews in an entirely new light. That is to say, as imperfect human beings rather than

green-shirted demigods. Mercifully, some aspects of rugby will never change. If you make your tackles - all of them you will always stand a better than even chance of victory. And, more importantly still, no one ever gets to win them all. Not even 15 Springboks with one hand on history.

One hand on history.
England: Try Guscott: Conversion Dawson: Penalties Dawson 2. South Africa:
Try Rossouw; Conversion Montgomery,
ENGLAND: N Bead (Northampton); T Underwood (Newcaste). J Guscott (Bath).
P de Glamille (Bath). D Luger (Harleques);
M Catt (Bath). M Dawson (Northampton);
J Leosard (Harleques). R Cocheril. D Garforth, M Johnson (all Leicester), T Rodber (Northampton). L Dallagile (Wasps,
capt). R Hill (Saracens). N Back (Leicester). Replacements: D Rees (Sale) for Underwood. B: A Healey (Leicester) for Rees,
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Gresscock (Saracens) for Rodber, 67.
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(Free State) for Van der Westhutzen, 69.
Reflexen: P O'Brien (New Zealand).

# Luger thanks Larder right down to his vital fingertips

PROFESSIONAL RUGBY union BY DAVID LLEWELLYN number of specialists employed debut at Twickenham, the to cater to international players' every need. But until now a vital one has been overlooked. More the spoils, but they allowed the important than the coaches, the medical team, the kit man and

the sports psychologist is the

manicurist.

There is every chance, after viewing the match video, that the England coach Clive Woodward will issue strict instructions that players fingernails are to be pared, rasped, varnished even, but never bitten or even clipped close.

While the bulk of the England supporters among the sell-out crowd at Twickenham had chewed their fingernails to the quick during an enthralling match, it was just as well as that Dan Luger still had his intact. Without them England might have been the ones shedding the tears and South Africa

celebrating a world record. The England winger, who played a crucial role in Jeremy Guscott's try, had an even more important hand in preventing the Springboks from scoring one right at the death. When Werner Swanepoel, the replacement scrum-half, spun out a pass to Stefan Terblanche it was Luger who managed to intercept, getting enough contact to send the ball to ground.

admitted. "But as I remember be played here at Twickenham they tapped and went at the means we can go into the World penalty. I was tracking back. I knew we were outnumbered and I was aware of Terblanche on the best teams in the world coming up fast. I was waiting to and we've beaten one of them see what happened. The pass and if we had been less naïve went out and I stuck out my hand. Luckily I hadn't cut my fingernails, because the ball hit only beat us by a single point. them and went to ground."

Luger owes as much to anbeing in the right place

jority of our games are going to position to make the tackle. Cup next year with a very positive mind. We have just taken last week we would have beaten the other, as it was Australia

"Come the World Cup we will play better, we will defend better. other specialist Phil Larder for we'll run the football better, we'll

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right time. Larder has been and we'll be playing at Twickdrilling England in defence for enham. And that crowd, the atthe last year and reckons it was because Luger was concen- United playing at Old Trafford." trating on his positional play and getting back behind the ball the last month that the England that the threat was snuffed

Larder praised his charges. "It is a tremendous achievement for England to have conceded just one try in 160 minutes against two of the best sides in the world. It is something the "It's all a bit of a blue," Luger boys can be justly proud of

mosphere. It's like Manchester

The shift in emphasis over squad has been together has been significant. Larder said: "In that time we have spent almost 50 per cent of our training time working on our defence, where previously it would have been 10 per cent." And defence is not just about

putting in tackles and making

They were not even tempt-

ed to point out that the referee.

Paddy O'Brien, was a New

"I think the fact that the ma- them count. You have to get into anticipate the direction of attack by the opponents, a host of factors. And it should involve all 15, as it did against the world champions.'

Prop Darren Garforth was made man of the match and given a Krugerrand as much for his defensive play as for his skill in the tight as the South African front-five effort was all but neutralised. His club Leicester also benefit from Larder's wisdom, and Garforth said: "Phil's input has been awesome. His work with us is starting to bear fruit. He gets us thinking.

"It's all in the mind, this defence; it's all about organisation. In all my years in rugby I've not encountered any ideas like his."

The admiration and respect is mutual. Larder said: "Over the last year I think there has been a 100 per cent improvement in England's defence. When I took over the front row was a little bit iffy. Now though they are defending really well, particularly Jason Leonard and Garforth, who was awesome today."

But there is no satisfying a perfectionist. Larder said: "By the World Cup we should not be looking at tackle counts, but rather at keeping the missed tackle count down in single figures. There is a lot of room

# Mallett's men prove to be all fumble and no kicks

FOR SOUTH AFRICA it was the BY TIM GLOVER Test too far. With no hint of false modesty they had marketed this whistle stop adventure "The Grand Slam Tour". England slammed the door in their faces, rudely interrupting the Spring-

bok quest for a place in history. When it came to the crunch, South Africa produced their most inept display since their enlightened coach, Nick Mallett, was appointed last year. On Saturday, when they ran into a combine harvester called the English pack, they ran out of ideas, ran out of luck.

They probably made more mistakes than in the other 17 victorious Tests put together. At times they looked the more sophisticated side but ultimately they froze. They couldn't andle it. literally

The lack of continuity was down to the fact that the

keep count of the number of times they knocked the ball on. Was this in any way down to the ferocity of the English tackling? Mailett was asked. He simply laughed.

In the post mortem, Gary Teichmann, the Springbok captain, was searching for clues. "There were so many errors," he said. "Perhaps we were trying to off-load the ball too often in the tackle, making one or two passes too many. On this occasion it didn't work for us. On

another day it might have." It looked so promising for the Rainbow Warriors when Bobby Skinstad, with a sublime pass, released Pieter Rossouw in the seventh minute and the left porters for falling short of a wing feigned to go inside before taking Nick Beal on the outside.

"The tries stemmed from a long pass but the key was that for consecutive wins. We springboks repeatedly fumbled sound or third phase equalled it. It's still an awesome world champions. Nick Maldraw too much from players

possession," Teichmann said. attacks ended at the first tackle. "We failed to take an opportunity of a lifetime but I believe

special over the last 15 months." Nobody would argue with that. It took the All Blacks of Brian Lochore, another outstanding back-row forward, four years from the mid-Sixties to compile their record of 17

Football Union, not normally

given to acts of contrition, has

apologised to Springboks sup-

world record 18 consecutive

Test victories. "So we didn't

beat the New Zealand record

we've achieved something really

the future. Fate decreed that South Africa, who had beaten England

newspaper advertisement.

The ad, which was head-

Wins - Sorry", featured a pho-

tograph of full-back Percy

Montgomery with a hand over

"We're still the undisputed

his forehead.

lined "Seventeen Consecutive ue their generous support."

England coach, believes at

For the rest of the game our coming more intense rather on the line in one of the ultimate international rugby." than less - Clive Woodward, the tests of fortitude.

least six countries have a realistic chance of lifting the World Cup next year - it is difficult to to mount such a sequence in

ever. And our sponsors contin-

With the competition be- summer, would put their record of the hardest fixtures left in Despite the crushing dis-

"We knew that England was appointment, the Springboks the best of the four home were magnanimous in defeat. nations," Mallett said. "When In mitigation they might have we looked at the schedule we cited exhaustion as a factor; imagine any team threatening knew that if we came to the last they have had almost 11 game unbeaten it would be a months of continuous top-grade tough call. England are ex- rugby. "Fatigue was not an tremely well organised in de- issue," Mallett said. "I don't fence and it was always going agree with the supposition that at Twickenham last year and to be desperately close. Facing we ran out of gas. We have no again at Cape Town this England at Twickenham is one excuses. The better team won."

'Fatigued and finished' but worthy of praise THE South African Rugby achievement," Sarfu said in a lett has proven to be the most whose bodies could withstand

successful Springbok coach only so much," the Sunday Times said. "The Springboks looked fatigued and finished. And they were.

South African newspapers blamed fatigue for the defeat. "It was a desperately disap-"It was a shattering failure at pointing end to a season in the final hurdle and ultimately which South Africa scaled so confirmed the folly of trying to many heights. Yesterday they were witness to a wreckage."

Zealander and thus, in the context of the record, not exactly a neutral observer. Perhaps the most surprising

thing, apart from their airocious handling, about South Africa's performance was their tactical naïvete. To go through a match of such magnitude without kicking a penalty defies belief. Percy Montgomery - what,

by the way, has happened to the world's most dangerous fullback? - missed a kick that, in golfing terms, would have been no more than an 18-inch putt. Matt Dawson also missed a sitter, but crucially landed two second-half penalties that broke the stalemate.

Whenever South Africa were awarded a penalty within kicking range they seemed unsure whether to go for the points. and the Springboks can start Considering they knew this was the new year afresh.

any chance to put some points on the board should have been taken. Near the end of the first half, when they won a penalty close to the England posts, Henry Honiball kicked for an attacking position to the left-hand corner but only succeeded in putting the ball dead. Yet a couple of minutes later, from a far more difficult position, Teichmann asked Montgomery to kick for goal and he missed. South Africa had lost the plot. "You realise," a South African

going to be a close encounter.

reporter told Mallett, "That when you get home you're going to get mauled by the press." "I'm looking forward," the 42-

year-old former No 8 replied, "to meeting the guy who is going to try to maul me."

All good things must come to an end and with the pressure of the record removed, Mallett

DAVID MOYES found By ALAN NIXON out what FA Cup fever is all about when the third-round draw was made last night and

paired his team with Arsenal The Preston manager was planning a quiet meal out with his wife and children when North End were picked to face the Gunners in one of the most this does not take away from intriguing pairings of the round.

The pub just erupted when the draw was made," the former Celtic centre-half said. It's the biggest game the club has had for years and I could tell straight away what it means

Moyes and his ambitious

roes emerging from victorious

went out on the town.

The home dressing-room was

full of good cheer - but the

Match of the Day cameramen

did rather have to persuade

them to change their chant rrom "Mag-al-uf" to "Wemb-

ur-ley" as they captured the

Yeovil's history in the oldest

cup competition is legendary and Colin Lippiatt's players

lived up to this sense of tradi-

tion by outplaying their Second

Division opponents in the first

half to instigate the uprooting

The players' immediate

reward, apart from a steaming

pot of tea being wheeled into the

changing-room, was the pro-

mise of a holiday later in the

season. The preferred desti-

nation appeared to be a unan-

Thompson's immediate des-

tination was back home to Ply-

mouth to watch the Cup

highlights with his children

Daniel and Callum, his wife

already having booked the

night out for her Christmas

bash. Yet the 35-year-old, three

times a Wembley winner with

Wycombe Wanderers and Wok-

ing, had clearly sensed further

drama was at hand, scoring in

a chaotic scramble. Patmore's

imous choice.

of their 18th League scalp.

good old magic of the Cup.

club could pick up a small fortune from the tie against the holders, with a sell-out 21,000 crowd expected and perhaps live television revenue as well. However, Preston are going all out to reach the First Division and Moyes said: "I hope our main job of promotion. But on the plus side it will keep the players on their toes and desperate to make the team for the Arsenal tie."

Manchester United, the winners in 1996, have an attractive home encounter with Middlesbrough, managed by the former

Old Trafford stalwart Bryan third place in the Premiership, Robson, in one of two all-Premiership ties. United have been installed by bookmakers as the 5-1 favourites for the Cup. Leeds United, currently in

Sheffield Wednesday v Norwich City Manchester Utd v Middlesbrough

Sheffield Utd v Notts County or Wigan Athletic

Tranmere Rovers v ipswich Town

Blackburn Rovers v Charlton Athletic

Vottleigham Forest v Portsmouth

Avcombe Wanderers or Plymouth

Leicester City v Birmingham City

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must face a non-League team, with the winners of the Rushden & Diamonds against Doncaster Rovers replay next week lying in wait,

and the joint second favourites at 6-1 with Arsenal, are also forced to travel to lower-league opposition in Oldbarn Athletic or Brentford

Preston North End v Arsenal

Coventry City v Macdesfiel

Aston Villa v Hull City

Bury v Stockport County

Cardiff City v Yeovil Town

Ties to be played Saturday 2 or Sunday 3 January

Rochdale or Rotherham v Exeter

West Ham Utd v Swansea City

Queen's Park Rangers v Hude nam Hotspur v Watfon Doncaster Rovers or Rushden & Diamonds v Leeds Utd Oldham Athletic or Brentford Southport v Kingstonian or

Port Vale v Liverpooi Wimbledon v Darlington or Manchester City Newcastle Utd v Crystal Palace Bradford Oty v Grimsby Town Bristol City v Evercon Crewe Alexandra v Oxford Utd

Southport, one of two non-League clubs definitely in the third round, were drawn at home to the winners of the Leyton Orient against Kingstonian replay. The other, Yeovil Town, along with Southport the outsiders at 1,000-1, must FA CUP THIRD-ROUND DRAW travel to Cardiff City, the Third

Division leaders. In the other all-Premiership tie, Charlton Athletic must make a swift return to Blackburn Rovers, where they lost in the league on Saturday. Kevin Keegan takes his Fulham side to Southampton, where he had a spell as a player late in his distinguished career.

Port Vale will take a break

from their battle to stay in the First Division with a home tie against Liverpool in a game that provides Gerard Houllier's team with plenty of potential for

Hull City, bottom of the Nationwide League but unexpected winners at Luton on Saturday, have a splendid reward: a trip to Birmingham to face the Premiership leaders, Aston Villa. It will be a big test for Warren Joyce, the Tigers' new player-manager, and his side, but at least it should earn them some much-needed funds to put towards strengthening their squad and trying to stay out of the Conference

**Snodin** for Belle epoch

BY JON CULLEY

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DONCASTER MAY not reach the third round of the FA Cup but hearing their name in the draw was enough to fill Ian Snodin with pride. The last time they made it, in the 1984-85 season, he was the 21-yearold star of a memorable victory over Queen's Park Rangers, who at the time represented quite a scalp.

But there is more to it than that. Last March, playing at Scarborough but living in Doncaster, Snodin stood on the terraces among a paltry crowd of 739 spectators watching Rovers lose 2-0 to Barnet, their demotion to the Conference by then inevitable. It was a grim night, punctuated by the latest in a long-running series of demonstrations against the then chairman, Ken Richardson. "It broke my heart," Snodin said. "I've been a Rovers fan since I was a lad and like everyone else I thought the club was dying."

At 5,396, Saturday's attendance was the largest at Belle Vue for four years. "It just shows what is possible," Snodin said. "This is a football town and a successful team will bring the crowds back. When we beat Queen's Park Rangers in 1984 we took 10,000 to Everton in the next round. That's the level of support we could have again."

Snodin became player-manager in August - with brother Glynn as No 2 - as the Richardson era ended and control passed to John Ryan, a Cheshire businessman but a Doncaster boy whose affection for Rovers has not dimmed. Ryan remembers the Belle Vue owl, a bird which, according to local legend, resided in the roof of a stand long since pulled down and flew around the ground, illuminated by the floodlights, whenever Rovers scored. On Saturday, Ryan brought along a pottery owl, hoping to somehow recreate the magic. "It didn't bring us a win but we didn't lose," Ryan said. "I'll take it to the replay and see . ..

if it does the trick there." Approval for Ryan and for Snodin has already pushed Doncaster's Conference crowds up to 3,200, double last season's average. And this is despite a record of 11 defeats in 18 matches that has seen their team entrenched at the bottom of the table. Snodin has recruited such luminaries as Steve Nicol, who reached Wembley in the FA when they eventually went out won virtually every honour in a fourth-round replay at available with Liverpool, and the Newcastle. Their run was well-travelled Tommy Wright short-lived this season - a to complement his own experience. got to grips with their new en-

vironment. We keep playing well and I keep saying maybe this will be the result that turns the corner'. but the table doesn't lie," Snodin said. "If anything, the standard in the Conference is higher than in the Third Division. You only have to look at how Macclesfield came out of the Conference and went straight through to promotion, and how

Halifax are doing this season." Encouragingly for him, his 1, conviction that the corner will be turned is shared by Brian Talbot, the manager of Rushden & Diamonds, who have become a major Conference force thanks to the investment from the Dr Marten's shoes empire of Max Griggs. "They're a good side," Talbot said. "They won't have any problems."

Presumably, Talbot was excluding the replay at Nene Park tomorrow week from that assessment. Despite the absence of Adrian Foster and Darren Collins, Rushden's two leading goalscorers, Rovers failed to make home advantage count. They enjoyed plenty of possession but created few clear chances, a bobbling longrange effort from the full-back Simon Shaw taking them closest to a goal

By contrast, Rushden forced Andy Woods into several good saves, notably twice to deny Ray Warburton in the first half, when Nicol beaded off the line from Michael Mison. Nicol was magnificent at the back for Rovers, but with their full strike power restored Rushden will be favourites to go through.

Dencester Royers (4-4-2): Woods: Warren, Nicol. Sutherland, Shaw: Good-win, Penney, I Snodin (Beckett, 80). Wright: Duerden (Hume, 72), Kirkwood. Sobstituses not steed: Maamria, George, Innes /oki

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Rushden West, Underwood, McElhatton.

Man of the match: Nicol.

Attendance: 5.396.



Levton Orient's Matthew Beall pursues Kingstonian's Kevin Rattray in their FA Cup second-round tie vesterday

# MacKenzie keeps Kingstonian at bay

KINGSTONIAN BATTLED their pitch yesterday.

Goals: Thompson (14) 1-0, Patrnore (81) 2-0. Yeard Tonen (5-3-2); Pennock; Piper, Brown, Cousins, Hannigan, Pistriock; Ploman (Pounder, 71); Stock, Thompson; Patmore, Dale (Smith, 90); Substitutes not used: Franklin, Apple-ton, Mountain (gb.) The Football Conference

Reference P Richards (Preston).

Bookings: Northampton: Hill, Lee. Hunz.
Gibb, Freestone.

Cambridge and at Northamp-

ton, the 27-year-old scratch

golfer was put through by Tony

Pounder and, though his first ef-

fort was parried by Billy Turley,

"Warren was caught

between becoming a pro golfer

and staying a pro footballer

when I arrived at Northampton

with the club one off the foot of

the League," recalled Atkins, after suffering his first Cup

defeat by a non-League side. "He certainly looks a more

accomplished player today.

Patmore, a scorer in each

round of Yeovil's latest Cup

adventure, and Thompson,

Woking's hero in the 1-1 draw

at Coventry two years ago,

savoured their 15 minutes of

fame quietly. Perhaps they are

saving their night on the tiles

for after the third round.

Good luck to him.

he putted in the rebound.

way into last night's FA Cup third-round draw after holding Leyton Orient to a goalless draw on their Kingsmeadow

title-chasers were in fact denied a win only by the woodwork, ton, Mouritain (gl.).

Northanspten Town (5-3-2): Turley: Glbb,
Wilkinson: Hill, Sampson, Frain; Hunter (Freestone, 57), Hunt (Warner, 86), Savage; Corazzin, Lee Phytipes, 69), Sabstitutes mot used: Parrish, Woodman (gl.). which twice saved their Third Division opponents from east London. The hosts enjoyed the majority of possession throughout, and enjoyed a corner count of 10-2 in their favour.

The Orient goalkeeper, Chris

BY RUPERT METCALF

MacKenzie, denied the Surrey side on countless occasions to take the match to a replay at Brisbane Road tomorrow week.

The best chance of the match came five minutes from the end, when Matt Crossley's shot hit the woodwork with MacKenzie beaten for the first time in the afternoon. However, the ball was hacked away to safety by the Orient captain, Dean Smith.

Kingstonian's talented teen-

age striker Gavin Holligan, who is due to join West Ham when his side's Cup run comes to an end, came on as a second-half substitute and worried Orient with his tricks and turns. But not even his efforts were enough to give the non-League team and their manager, the for-

mer Woking stalwart Geoff Chapple, the win they deserved. The only non-League sides definitely through to the third round are Yeovil Town, who beat Northampton, and Southport. The Merseyside club, who

Umbro Trophy last term. maintained their good cup-tie form by winning 2-1 at the Third Division promotion-chasers Mansfield Town.

A Dave Gamble penalty and a Brian Ross goal secured victory for Southport, whose 42year-old player-manager Paul Futcher, once of Manchester City and Luton, played for over

an hour as a substitute. Stevenage Borough failed to duplicate last year's magnificent exploits in the Cup,

Newcastle. Their run was crushing 4-1 defeat at Lincoln ence, but as yet they have not City means they can now concentrate on the Conference and the Trophy. Luton Town, knocked out in

the quarter-finals of the Worthington Cup last week at Sunderland, tamely surrendered to the Football League's basement side, Hull City, at Kenilworth Road. Rob Dewhurst headed the

# Adam twice unsettles Celtic

CELTIC'S REVIVAL came to a shuddering halt as Hearts derailed their attempt to record a third consecutive victory. Wins over Rangers and Motherwell had brought Dr Josef Venglos' side back in touch with Rangers, the league leaders, and, after Dunfermline's draw at Ibrox on Saturday, there was a chance for Celtic to trim the gap to two points. They failed spectacularly to make an impression on the game until the last 15 minutes when Phil O'Donnell scored to give them some hope.

Until then the Celtic midfield was over-run by the home side. who might have recorded a more comfortable victory.

BY DAVID MCKINNEY Heart of Midlothian

with a single goal advantage thanks to Stephane Adam. Vincent Guerin slipped past a challenge on the right hand side before heading for the goal line and his cross was headed into the bottom corner by the Frenchman. At that stage the home side were worthy of their lead with Jim Hamilton denied in the 25th minute by Jonathon Gould, the Celtic goalkeeper, who also reacted brilliantly in the 35th minute to push away a volley from Dave McPherson.

Within three minutes of the Hearts went in at the break re-start Hearts increased their

for offside. The Celtic response was muted on a night when they struggled to define fluency in their game. A long-range effort by Alan Stubbs was too straight and too easy for the goalkeeper and before long Hearts again troubled the Celtic defence. Thomas Flogel volleyed over the bar and then Gould brilliantly flicked away an Adam

In the 73rd minute Celtic resurrected their chances when a Henrik Larsson cross fell to O'Donnell, who slammed the ball home from six yards. The

lead. Hamilton on the right same player shot narrowly over crossed low for Adam, who and Stephane Mahe had a flicked the ball home as the close-range effort blocked by Celtic defence stood claiming Gilles Rousset. For Celtic it proved too little, too late.

The Hearts manager, Jim Jefferies, later revealed they had rejected an offer for the winger Neil McCann, thought to have been made by Rangers. "It is out of our hands when

it reaches a certain level. He has a clause if there was an offer at a certain level then it is his decision," said Jefferies. Goals: Adam (37) 1-0: (49) 2-0: O'Don-nell (74) 2-1.

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Hearts (4-4-2): Rousset; McPherson, Weir, Ritchie, Maysmith; Flogel, Guerin, (Locke, 83), Murray, Fulton; Hamilton (Holmes, 80). Adam (Juanja, 87).

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O'Donnell; Larsson, Moranck (Burchill, 60)

# McCann threatens to sue after £3m Viduka quits

THE CELITIC chairman Fergus the transaction regarding McCann yesterday threatened Marko Viduka," McCann said. to sue Marko Viduka after the Australian player walked out on the Scottish champions without

kicking a ball. The 23-year-old flew back to his native Melbourne claiming he was "depressed" and leaving Celtic in no doubt that he was giving up football just days after his £3m transfer from Croatia Zagreb.

McCann also indicated that he will be withholding full payment from Croatia Zagreb until the matter is fully resolved. "The club is now most concerned about certain aspects of Mulhearn, visited Viduka at his

"We will be seeking clarification over the next few days from various parties, including Croatia Zagreb.

As to Viduka's claim that he was quitting because he was "not in the right state of mind to play football", McCann said: "It is a sudden problem. There was no indication from the olaver, Croatia Zagreb or IMG [Viduka's agents] of any psychological problem."

The problem only came to Venglos, and club doctor, Jack

medical counselling, and to bring his parents over from Australia as well as giving him an extended Christmas break but Marko rejected all these offers. He said he didn't want to play football," McCann

hotel on Saturday. "We offered

"Marko said he knew he was giving up a wonderful opportunity and that his decision would wreck his career.

"There are question marks surrounding the fee and where it is going. There is a lot more light when the manager, Josef to this than Marko suddenly saying he has psychological

# Zamorano off as Inter's new coach made to sweat

spared Internazionale's new coach, Mircea Lucescu, a disastrous start with an injurytime equaliser at Vicenza in Italy's Serie A yesterday, while Juventus's defeat by Lazio was their second successive loss at

Silvestre's late goal may have cancelled out Pasquale Luiso's 20th-minute penalty for Vicenza, but it did not banish the memory of Inter losing their nerve, with the Nigerian

### ROUND-UP

angrily throwing his shirt to the ground when substituted and the Chilean centre-forward, Ivan Zamorano, dismissed for kicking an opponent.

In a desperate 67th-minute move to save the game against a Vicenza side who had two men sent off, Lucescu sent on Ronaldo, supposedly being rested before Wednesday's crucial Champions' League match West at Sturm Graz. Three minutes

free-kick provided the ammunition from which Silvestre coach Marcello Lippi.

fired Inter level. Inter's hard-earned point was enough to edge them into fifth place ahead of Juventus, who conceded an 81st-minute goal to Zamorano's Chilean

strike partner Marcelo Salas. Juventus, who must beat Rosenborg Troudheim on Wednesday to have a chance of of the European Cup, have not won in five league matches and

into injury time, the Brazilian's have failed to score in their last four - their worst run under

Both Juventus and Inter, who finished first and second in last season's Serie A, are seven points adrift of the leaders, Fiorentina. The pace-setters halted Bologna's 16-match unbeaten run with a 1-0 home victory on Saturday.

Milan's German striker Oliver Bierhoff brought his eightqualifying for the quarter-finals match goal drought to a halt with his side's third in a 3-0 win over Udinese, the club where he

made his name last season. Liberia's George Weah and Brazil's Leonardo, with a superb voiley, scored Milan's other goals to keep their club in fourth place, a point behind Roma and Parma, who both

won their matches on Saturday. Real Mallorca climbed two points clear at the top of the Spain's *Primera Division* on Saturday as the champions, Barcelona, slipped to their third successive defeat and other leading teams dropped points. Hector Cuper's unfancied

Mallorca ground out a 1-0 victory over Real Betis thanks to a goal eight minutes from the end by Dani Garcia. Celta Vigo, who entertain Liverpool in the Uefa Cup tomorrow, dropped to third place after being held 1-1 at Salamanca.

Deportivo La Coruña, who are now second, piled the pres-sure on Barcelona's Dutch coach, Louis van Gaal, as they snatched a late 2-1 victory at home to the Catalans.

Deportive took the lead after 76 minutes through Mustapha

vert won a debatable penalty after 88 minutes when he fell awkwardly in the box. Rivaldo sent Jacques Songo'o the wrong way with his spot-kick, but two minutes later the home side struck again. Three defenders on the line failed to clear a Tutu Flores cross and Fran Gonzalez was unmarked to score the winner.

In Germany, Bayern Munich, who face Manchester United on Wednesday, drew 2-2 at Vil Bochum on Friday.



# THAT WAS THE WEEKEND THAT WAS



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# Bilston's touching faith in human decency

FOR YEARS, non-League sides Liverpool University, joined have complained about professional clubs picking off their best talent and hoping to pay as little as they can get away with in compensation. Staffordshire club Bilston Town feared they could become another victim when the goalscoring exploits of Mike Turner began to attract attention. So they have challenged Barnsley to

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prove them wrong. Turner, who scored eight goals in eight matches for Dr

ager's match day.

He certainly seemed con-

Ewood Park bow on Saturday.

a club scarf draped around the

Rovers fans before kick-off, by

the time he bad taken his

seat in the directors' box he

had revealed a very nice

camel hair coat.

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shoulders of a sober suit as a Martin O'Neill, who feels

Jack Walker introduced him to obliged to wear not just train-

He was still wearing it ment? He really must make

when he joined Tony Parkes up his mind ...

camel coat.

the manager

Barnsley in time to travel with John Hendrie's squad to Watford on Saturday, although the arrival of Deon Burton on loan from Derby denied him the chance to become an instant solution to Barnsley's striker crisis.

After scoring for the re-serves against Wolves in midweek, however, the chances are he will not wait long for a first-team opportunity; particularly if Hendrie bows to Martens League side Bilston the pressure to sell leading after finishing his studies at marksman Ashley Ward.

quired a tracksuit top ...

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terview, replaced again by the

ing kit but football boots, too,

whenever he steps near the

field of play, or a Roy Hodgson,

champion of the Italian de-

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Now, which is it to be? Is he

to pay a penny in the way of a transfer fee. But Bilston are trusting that the Yorkshire club will be generous if their acquisition proves a success.

Oakwell in the next few days.

### KEY NUMBERS 18

Gareth Barry's first-team games for Aston Villa this season, adding another £200,000 to the bill the Premiership leaders owe the 17-year-old defender

former club, Brighton 1,001

Brian is the manager and as such, he will want to be involved. This is a big, big game for us Tony Parkes, Blackburn's caretaker manager, correctly predicting that incoming boss Brian Kidd would not be

er had no contract with Bilston, Barnsley are not obliged

Because 22-year-old Turn-

"Barnsley don't have to pay us anything but we hope they will act like gentlemen and look after us," manager Joe Jackson said. "Some sort of add-on deal based on appearances would suit us." A deputation will arrive at

The FA Cup victories Yeavil have recorded over League opposition following the defeat of Northampton

The minutes £7.5m striker Kevin Davies had played for Blackburn before scoring his first goal on Saturday

able to stay in the directors'

### PREMIERSHIP TEAM OF THE WEEK

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DAVID GINOLA

Manager of the weekend: David O'Leary, who has transformed Leeds in gooble quick time from door battlers to Premiership cavallers.

Performance of the weekend: David Ginola, Tottenham's shring star for the second match running, defying those who said he would never last under George Graham

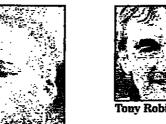
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MARK ATKINS WOLVES

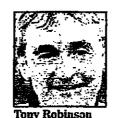
THREE YEARS ago, the versatile Atkins - picked up for just £45.000 from Scunthorpe was playing in the Champions' League for Blackburn Rovers, before Kenny

Dalglish cashed in on his appreciation value by selling him on for £1m to Graham Taylor. Two Molineux managers later, he cannot get in the team, making only three appearances this season.



MARLON HAREWOOD NOTTINGHAM FOREST

ALTHOUGH BORN in Hampstead, 19-year-old Harewood is a product of the youth scheme at Forest. who gave him his debut at the end of last season. More opportunities have come his way this term as Forest try to find the right combination. A big, bustling striker, he already has three goals, including a Premiership first against Middlesbrough



AFTER FOUR series as Rowan Atkinson's sidekick, Baldrick, no wonder Tony Robinson finds himself typecast. Even in his other job, at Ewood Park, he never gets to be leading man. Now he has someone else's sidekick as his boss, who knows what will happen? Maybe he has a cunning plan...



# Please please me, says Kenwright

could become the new owner of Everton when the theatre impresario Bill Kenwright asks the former Beatle to a short-term answer to Livhead up his takeover bid. Kenwright, who went to school with McCartney, wants to buy Peter Johnson's 68 per cent stake in the club and hopes to persuade McCartney to dip into his £500m fortune to help fund a £60m bid for control.

According to the People, Arsenal see Liverpool's Rob Jones as a replacement for ageing Lee Dixon and are ready to swoop with a cut-price £250,000 offer for the 27-yearold full-back, whose contract expires in the summer Meanwhile, the News of the World reckons Arsenal have a bigger target at Anfield, namely Robbie Fowler, who is stalling on a new contract and may be prised away for £6m.

The Mail on Sunday predicts that Liverpool manager

ACCORDING TO the News of er Jean-Claude Wallemme to the World, Paul McCartney stay in England despite problems settling. Houllier reportedly thinks the 31-year-old former Lens captain could be

erpool's defensive problems. While the Express says Manchester United have been knocked back in their efforts to sign Ajax goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar, both the People and Mail agree a fresh move for Lens midfielder Marc Vivien Foe is in the offing, especially - the People says - because Blackburn manager

Brian Kidd wants him too. The People says Leicester could make a £2.5m bid for striker Arnar Gunnlaugsson after the Icelandic international expressed his discontent with Bolton's pay offer.

The Mail says that Gerry Francis's QPR revival - they have won five of their last seven matches - could be undermined by enforced sales after the club's bankers asked Gerard Houllier could tempt for a £6m overdraft to be re-Coventry's unsettled defend- duced to £2.5m by 1 January.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Textage: Crunch time in the bottom six as Sheffeld Wednesday seek to distance themselves from the Premiership danger zone against next-to-bottom Nottingham Forest.

Temporrous: Mission Unlikely (rather than impossible) faces Liverpool. 3-1 down, at home to Celta Vigo in the Llefa Cup following Rangers visit to Parma (all square at 1-1), which kicks off at 1.30pm.

Wednesday: Do-or-die night for Manchester United at home to Bayern Munich in the Champions' League. Already-dead Arsenal travel to Panathinaikos. In the Premiership, leaders Aston Villa are at Chelsea.

Fridage: If he has not gone back to Old Trafford, Steve Bruce will be practically in town anyway as Sheffield United visit Bury in the First Division.

Saturday: In the Premiership, Tottenham test the strength of their revival against Manchester United, Brian Kidd's Blackburn face Newcastle, Chelsea go to Derby and Martin O'Neill, named recently as a Forest all-time great, looks to increase Dave Bassect's worry lines as Leicester take on their East Midlands rivals.

Sounday: The Premiership's meanest defence meets its most effective striker when Aston Villa and Dion Dublin face up to Arsenal at Villa Park, an hour ahead of the televised culture clash between Wimbledon and Liverpool.

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# Villa survive test of their character

IT WAS surely just coincidence but, given John Gregory's unorthodox management style, it could have been a cheeky bit of one-upmanship. No sooner had Alex Ferguson finished deflecting questions about the loss of Brian Kidd than Gregory rubbed it in by sending his own No 2, Steve Harrison, to represent him in the press conference. It was if to say: "You may have 19 internationals, but you don't have an assistant manager."

It was appropriate enough be-cause, while Manchester United had been wrestling with the disruption caused by Kidd's departure, Aston Villa had clearly been reaping the value of a good No 2. United's visit represented the biggest test of their three-month reign as Premiership leaders and there was evidence that Harrison's well-known qualities as a joker, and less publicised expertise as a defensive coach, had both been

From the man on the Tannoy, who sounded in awe of United's reputation at half-time, to the players, up. Instead they produced a vibrant and Villa looked much more secure. creative or free-scoring." Since de-



GLENN MOORE

who had not even scored against them for three years, it was clear that respect was the order of the day. Lee Hendrie confessed he had been "so excited I couldn't sleep last night" and even Dwight Yorke was accorded a generous greeting before the game - and was less abused than David Beckham during it.

Thus, when United when ahead after 46 minutes, one could have forgiven Villa for thinking the game was from the players, reverted to 3-5-2, something offensively. We're not as

sulting 1-1 draw, even if it did take

a deflected goal to secure the point. "It was an important game for us, particularly the young lads," said Gareth Southgate, the Aston Villa captain. "United are used to playing these games and we aren't. Every match they play the opposition are really fired up. You have to play in these games to gain that experience and it will do us the world of good, we came through it well."

at the back than in recent matches. They had begun the season playing a compact 3-5-2 and, in their first 10 games, conceded just three goals. Then Dion Dublin arrived and they switched to playing three up front, with Paul Merson playing off the front pair.

Though they scored as many goals (11) in the next four games as they had in the first 10, they conceded nine. On Saturday Gregory and Harrison, to general approval

solid," added Southgate, "but we didn't create any less, which was pleasing. The midfield did a great job going forward and getting back." One of those midfielders, Alan Thompson, who impressed on his recall, added hopefully: "I think playing three in

Whether Villa made enough chances is debatable. They had more pressure than United, but did Villa were also much more secure not create that much. Hendrie and Ian Taylor got in each others' way after one flowing first-half move, Ugo Ehiogu went close with two headers from corners, and there were several pots from the edge of the box but Peter Schmeichel was rarely

midfield is where we are best and we

should see more of that system."

tested in open play.

Gregory had admitted beforehand: "I've always known that playing a two-man midfield with Paul [Merson] behind the strikers was a risk, but while three men in the middle makes us rock solid we lose

"It was important today to be fences win championships, though, Villa may stay with the present system - especially if Thompson, Taylor and Hendrie can increase their

It is certainly the shape likely to be seen at Chelsea on Wednesday and probably at home to Arsenal on Sunday, though Merson will be doing his utmost to be fit for that game. On Saturday, with the wing-backs pushed on, it gave Villa a numerical supremacy in midfield that United only rectified by bringing on Nicky Butt for Andy Cole. On another day. not with half an eye on Wednesday's European tie with Bayern Munich, they might have responded by pushing their full-backs on.

It would have made for a more attractive game though, after Paul Scholes' well-taken goal for United, from Cole's fine cross, the match improved immensely. Villa deserved Julian Joachim's equaliser for their subsequent brio even if the goal was fortuitous, the ball looping over Schmeichel after hitting Denis

thus left ruing a missed opportunity. United departed happily with a point and, equally importantly, a clean bill of health. Ryan Giggs had a haif and may start against Bayern. especially as Jesper Blomqvist was

Villa, like United's other Premiership challengers, will be cheering them on. "To like them to go through for the good of our game," said Southgate, "but from a selfish point of view I want them involved as long as possible anyway. I think they deserve to go through, the way they've been playing, and I believe they have more than enough to do so."

While Ferguson prepares for Bayern without his right-hand man, Gregory should have a new task for his No 2. A lack of depth is one reason why Villa's challenge is often dis-missed and, while United had Giggs, Butt, Teddy Sheringham and Ronny Johnsen on the bench Villa had the unheralded Simon Grayson and four unknowns. This, it transpired, was partly due to Gregory finding that his

Villa finished stronger and were us left ruing a missed opportunical cy does not prevent internal disharmony. While injuries (Mark Bosnich, Merson) and suspension (Stan Collymore) accounted for three senior players, three others, Mark Draper, the transfer-listed Riccardo Scimeca, and Gary Charles, who is said to have been involved in a trainingground dispute with Gregory, were out of favour".

This may be inevitable in a strong squad, but it is unhealthy for a championship-chasing one. One of a good No 2's tasks is to act as a buffer between the manager and disaffected players and, with a demanding week ahead, Harrison may have to brush down his joke book.

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HAVE YOU heard the one about the

Englishman, the Irishman and the

Scotsman? It is certainly putting a smile back on people's faces in

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But he could not maintain the mo-

mentum and in came George Gra-

ham to halt the slide by applying

some Scottish meanness at the

He failed to generate much excitement, though, and what Leeds

needed when he departed for Tot-

tenham was someone who knew how

to throw a party. David O'Leary

throttle again, and poor old West

Ham scarcely knew what hit them. O'Leary's new-look Leeds is a

well balanced machine, tight at the

back and adventurous going forward.

a satisfying blend of youth and ex-

perience, of imports and home-

(which in Yorkshire includes anyone

south of Sheffield) who did the dam-

a schoolboy, scored with two sweetly struck shots from the edge of the

penalty area, and Dutchmen Robert

Molenaar and Jimmy Floyd Has-

selbaink took advantage of defensive

errors to complete the rout.

although by then it had all become

double Dutch to West Ham anyway.

Strachan's commanding midfield

presence, but most Leeds efforts

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and it may not be long before he attracts the attention of Glenn Hoddle.

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It was Leeds' foreign legion

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but he has released the Graham handbrake. Leeds are running at full

Englishman Howard Wilkinson

BY PHIL ANDREWS

Leeds United

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# Kidd may be the man for all seasons

BY DAVE HADFIELD

Blackburn Rovers

AT 49 and counting, Brian Kidd still looks like the slightly older brother of the fresh-faced youth who looped that header over the Benfica goal-

keeper 30 years ago. That might indicate that, at a Premiership club, it is the No 1, rather than the No 2, who is paid to do the bulk of the worrying.

In that case, it will be instructive to do a "before and after" - comparing one of the many pictures taken of Kidd at Ewood Park on Saturday with a portrait, say, two years down the road.

Despite this urgently needed victory, Blackburn remain the sort of side that could give their new manager all the things he currently lacks - grey hair, a furrowed brow, bags under the eyes. He got a taste of the strain they could put him under even as they secured a morale-boosting win. Kidd, not scheduled to take con-

trol until today, had planned to observe quietly from the stand. It took all of 16 minutes of watching Rovers perform with little pattern and less confidence to send him scurrying down to the touchline.

It looked little better from down there, but it at least gave him chance to get involved to an extent that brought a warning from Graham Poll.

Although he tried to confuse the referee by changing coats for the second half, Kidd's vocal contribution apparently extracted a confession from Poll that it must be him and not Alex Ferguson who has been responsible for the notorious racket from the bench at Old Trafford.

The overriding impression of Kidd before, during and after the match was one of a barely containable enthusiasm. His ability with players on the training ground is well enough known, but he attacked aspects of the job for which some thought he would be less suited with equal relish.

One of the question marks put up against him concerns his ability to deal with the media spotlight. But his performance in that department was all the more impressive jobs when people are having a for the self-deprecating humour that accompanied it.

"Nobody wanted the coach to be rubbing his gums at United," he said, employing an old Collyhurst expression to explain his apparent reticence in the past. But morose in the limelight? Averse to having a chat and a laugh with those outside his immediate orbit? Not a bit of it.



Striker Kevin Davies beats the tackle of Charlton's Richard Rufus to score his first goal for Blackburn Rovers (above) and earn their enthusiastic manager Brian Kidd (below) a victory in his first match in charge of the struggling Ewood Park side

uation is any laughing matter, even with Saturday's three points hoisting them off the foot of the table. "From Premier League champions in 1995 to this – there's obviously been a problem. But you only get

rough time. Despite the encouragement he drew from the efforts of young players like Damien Duff, David Dunn and, especially, the enterprising Damien Johnson, Kidd saw been rough.

the winning habit as Charlton could have been on the field if Kevin

Not that Blackburn's current sit- have left Ewood with all three points, given an equal share of luck. Blackburn's Alan Fettis, a third-choice goalkeeper called up on the morning of the match because John Filan was suffering from concussion, was

far busier than Sasa Ilic. Unfortunately for Alan Curbishley's peace of mind, Ilic made a complete mess of the one real save he was called on to make, letting Kevin Davies' shot slip under his body with 15 minutes to play.

It was a flukey way for the Davies enough to suggest why times have to score his first Blackburn goal since his £7.5m transfer from Even opponents as badly out of Southampton. He would not even

Gallacher had not succumbed to a have to be worked for - starting on hamstring injury late in the first half, and he showed no sign of becoming a match-winner until his speculative strike made Kidd's first afternoon a

Kidd admitted that it was with one eye on the calendar that he found Blackburn's advances so irresistible. "I think you can leave it too late," he said of his decision to become his own boss. "I don't want to die wondering. It's been well documented that I'm 50 in the summer. I hope I get some good presents."

happy one.

It might have been a few months early, but this could count as a down payment. Other gifts will

Kidd's natural terrain of the train-

ing pitch todav. That's what I feel I'm here for. I hope they don't want a PR man," he said. The early evidence is that he could be equally effective at that side of the job.

Goal: Eases (75) 1-0 Blackburn Rowers (4-4-2): Fettlist Croft, Henchoz, Dailly, Davidson: Johnson, Dunn (Broomes, 83). McKintay, Duff; Blake, Gollacher (Davies, 41). Substitutes not used: Marcolin, Taylor, Williams (gk.) Charlton Arbietic (4-4-2): fic Mills, Rufus, Youds, Powell: Robinson, Kinsella, Redfearn, Mortmer (Newton, 51): Hunt, Meridona (5) ones, 66). Substitutes not used: Barness, Tiler, Royce (gk.)

Referee: G Poli (Tring). Bookings: Blackburn: Duni fearn, Kinsella, Youds.

**Euell enjoys home comforts** 



Leeds performance that will have made other Premiership sides take notice, although O'Leary's line is that we ain't seen nothin' yet. "We are a team for the future", he said. "I want us to play good, positive football, but not the so-called sexy football that puts 50 passes together and gets nowhere.

The Hammers would have been happy just to string a couple of passes together in the face of the constant Leeds onslaught. They were missing three key players in Rio Ferdinand, Paul Kitson and Eyal Berkovic and a fourth - Neil Ruddock - will now be absent for three games over Christmas after throwing away a lead, seeing a con-being sent off for a rash challenge on Harry Kewell

But that does not explain why the side lying third in the Premiership on the back of a long unbeaten run could manage only one shot on target, a Frank Lampard drive in the dving moments that Leeds' teenage goalkeeper Paul Robinson punched

That was left to their manager, Harry Redknapp. "We were strangers to each other at the back," he said. "But Leeds were great - the best team we have played all season. They bossed us in every depart-

They Dosseu us in every uspartment."
Goals: Bowyer (8) 1-0; Bowyer (61) 2-0;
Molenaar (68) 3-0; Hasselbaink (79) 4-0.
Leeds United (3-1-4-2); Robinson; Woodgate,
Molenaar, Radebe; Hopkin; Haaland, Bowyer,
Newell (Winnard, 80), Harte: Hasselbaink, Smith
(McPhail 84), Substitutes nutsed; Wetherall, Halle. Nuno Santos (gk.)
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Referee: J Winter (Stockton-on-lees)
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Leeds Haaland, Hopkin, Hassefbaink,
Man of the match: Bowyer,
Attandance 36,320.

# Gunners keep firing blanks

THERE WAS more than a touch of BY PETER CONCHIE frost on a chilly afternoon in the East Midlands, but it did not take David Derby County Jason to work out the failings of Arsenal Arsène Wenger's depleted side. Of the Arsenal players who started the be very difficult. They are the symmatch only two, Nicolas Anelka and Marc Overmars, had contributed to their unimpressive total of 15 League goals this season.

That the game would finish goalfree was sadly predictable. Arsenal's tremendous commitment." lack of firepower was matched by their opponents who have an identical goals-for figure, while the Gunners have conceded just seven goals this season, the lowest total in all four divisions. Derby, meanwhile, employed three centre-halves and two notional wing-backs, although neither Dorigo nor Delap advanced much beyond the half-way line. This was partly thanks to Nelson Vivas. an able replacement for Nigel Winterburn, who pushed into the space left by Derby's three-man midfield.

Renewal is, of course, Wenger's dilemma as he negotiates the inevitable replacement of the old guard. "That's my biggest worry confirmed. "To keep that spirit will said. "It's a case of trying to keep clean

bols of the real Arsenal, the Keowns, Boulds, Winterburns and Dixons, and they will have to stop one day. When they have their backs to the wall, they are able to respond with

No one showed this spirit more than Steve Bould. Without the Stokeborn colossus, Arsenai probably would have lost, and his performance was the highlight of a day short of them. His distribution and positioning were superb, his dominance of poor Dean Sturridge complete, even though he limped through the last 30 minutes. Ray Parlour, too, had an impressive, typically industrious game. Anelka, although sharp and quick off the mark, too often received the ball with his back

to goal to use his pace effectively. Martin Keown also evidently enjoyed his afternoon. "People like myself and Ray Parlour we have to show when they don't play any more." he our mettle, and we're enjoying it." he

sheets at the back and hoping we can snatch a goal. It's not so different from the George Graham era."

Goalless it may have been, but Derby had chances to score in the first half. One arose after Lee Dixon uncharacteristically pulled out of a challenge with Stefano Eranio on the edge of the Derby box, prompting a 50-yard charge upfield by Lars Bohinen which ended with a powerful shot wide. Paulo Wanchope had a fine 20-yard shot was saved well by David Seaman after 10 minutes, but this was followed by a misguided at-

tempt to chest down a far-post cross instead of stooping for a header. On the whistle the weary Arsenal players trudged over to applaud their vocal fans. After scoring one goal in the last seven and a half hours, you could almost imagine a new North Bank chant: "Nil-nil to the Arsenal, nil-nil to the Arsenal." Arsenat, mmill to the Arsenat, Derby Councy (5-3-2): Poom, Dorigo, Laursen, Car-bonan, Delap. Prior, Powell. Branio (Harper, 72). Bo-hnert, Sournoge, Wanchope. Sebstiteness not used: Hoult (gh). Schmoor. Carsley, Elliot. Arsenal (4-4-2): Seamart Wiss, Keown, Bould, Dison: Wrigh (Boa Morte, 77). Parlour, Grimandi. Garde (Ljungberg, 67); Anelta. Overmans Substitutes not used: Marrianger (gh), Upson, Caballero.

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WHILE THIS season has already BY CONRAD LEACH

seen the transfers of three multimillion pound strikers, namely Dwight Yorke, Dion Dublin and Duncan Ferguson; Wimbledon, typically, could on Saturday night boast a match-winner in Jason Euell, who was free and is not leaving.

Euell scored both Wimbledon's goals as they fought back from the disadvantage of tired legs after their Worthington Cup win last midweek against Chelsea, which accounted for their lethargic start to the game. This problem was compounded by conceding a penalty early in the second half, as Chris Perry brought down Darren Huckerby, with Gary McAllister calmly converting.

Euell, 21, has been with the club since he was 12 and, when he signed professional terms three years ago, he was eulogised by the effusive Wimbledon chairman, Sam Ham-

mam, as being "better than Pelé." Saddled with that, it might have been time for Euell to pack up and go home, and he also had an injuryiffected time last season. He has recovered, however, to play in all but one of Wimbledon's league and Cup

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Coventry City

Wimbledon's manager, Joe Kinnear, praised Euell for the marking iob he did on Chelsea's Dennis Wise last week and he had every reason to praise him again on Saturday, after switching him to his natural striker's position for the second half in an adept tactical change.

Kinnear said: "Jason is Wimbledon through and through. He's on a six-year contract and he's going nowhere." The manager added that he had played Euell mostly in midfield recently to protect him, explaining: "Last season he was getting kicked about up front and was missing games through injury."

Euell had the simple job of scoring after 71 minutes, when Ben Thatcher's pass found him unmarked in the penalty box, and 13 minutes later he showed more of his technique when he controlled a Michael Hughes pass and beat Paul Williams in the same movement to again drive past Magnus Hedman for the winner.

That turn of events did not leave Coventry's manager, Gordon Strachan, a happy man afterwards, as he dwelt on the combined effect of

cussed Roland Nilsson carried off near the end, and what he deemed, sarcastically, "a unique performance by the referee". He added: "It will live in everyone's memory.' Strachan, who saw his team have most of the possession but fail to create many chances, felt that he should have had two more penalties, for a handball by Thatcher and for another foul on Huckerby. With

do with another striker - someone like Euell, perhaps? like Euell, perhaps?
Goals: McAllister (pen 54) 0-1, Euell (71) 1-1;
Euell (84) 2-1.
Wilmbledon (4-4-2); Sullivan: Perry, Blachwell,
Thatcher, Cunningham; Earle, Euell, Hughes, Ardley, Gayle (Amsworth, h-1), Eloku, Substitutes
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Bookings: Wimbledon; Sullivan, Euell, Coventry: Boateng, Edworthy,
Man of the match: Euell
Attondance: 11,717

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# Houllier's attitude problem



KEN JONES ON MONDAY

GERARD HOULLIER is not alone with the mystery of how best to get professional footballers to perform at a proper level of intensity. Is it enough to surround them with good players and a good coach and a good organisation that will pay them well for their troubles? Or must a drum be banged loudly and constantly?

In the eyes of their studious coach and every keen observer present, Liverpool were off the pace too long when defeated 2-1 at Tottenham on Saturday. "We only played for an hour," Houllier said.

Attitude, as much as ability. If Liverpool's comparative decline relates to collective shortcomings, in defence especially, Houllier has also the task of re-establishing them as eam of real character.

When an explanation for Liverpool's lethargic opening was sought, Houllier confessed bafflement. "Maybe it had something to do with how hard Tottenham came at us and that [Steve] Gerrard was hurt," he said, "but we defended far too deep for most of the first half. We got stretched and lost touch with Robbie Fowler and Michael Owen."

The hard-nosed mood of Liverpool's finest teams was constant, carried faultlessly from dressingroom to playing field. "Aye, Tommy's a hard boy," Bill Shankly once said unsympathetically when shown the wound Arsenal's centre-half Terry Neill had sustained in a tackle with

nmy Smith. No need, then, for Liverpool's opponents to think of having an edge in flat out urgency. "We were always up for it," one of their former heroes. Ian St John, said before Saturday's encounter further highlighted the task Houllier has before him.

Tottenham have become a much different proposition since exposure to George Graham's demanding tutorials, livelier and better organised, so Liverpool could not afford any lapses in collective application. "I don't think we lacked passion," Houllier added with a of irritation, "but I've told the pilivers that we can't let the opposition dictate to us.



Luke Young, of Tottenham, attempts to escape the attention of another young talent, Liverpool's precocious predator, Michael Owen

press him, Tottenham were soon asking Liverpool's defenders questions of the sort that makes strengthening the back line a matter of utmost urgency.

Like many old Anfield hands, St John fears for Liverpool whenever they come under aerial bombardment. "It never used to be a problem," he said. "Now; if you see the ball sent high into the penalty area, you have to wonder if they can deal with it."

In discussions with David Gino-

half," he said, "and put Liverpool under a lot of pressure but, as I imagined, they came back at us."

Not to any great effect until Jamie Carragher's slash at Chris Armstrong's hard-driven low cross in the 50th minute ended up in his own net to give Tottenham a two-goal advantage. The first 45 minutes had left Houllier with plenty of opportunities to exercise his knowledge and powers of motivation. Unconvincing

"We did that well again in the first Liverpool's failure to clear their Fowler's ball-carrying ability. "For a lines proved costly when a sloppy headed clearance fell for Rue! Fox, whose deflected shot sped past David James in the 26th minute.

Tottenham had some anxious moments too, but the turning point their lead with as good a free-kick as you will see anywhere.

From then until late in the game Liverpool looked more like the sort of team Houllier is aiming to put in a number of cases trying to im- importance of getting in centres. footed under Ginola's centres, of Owen's blistering pace and scrambles. By then Graham's com-

while they outplayed us," Graham admitted.

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Sent wider to attack Tottenham's stand-in left back, Andy Sinton, and with Vegard Heggem getting forward on that flank, Liverpool made did not come until Patrik Berger cut the home supporters anxious. Owen almost made a goal for Fowler before outstripping Tottenham's defence and sending a shot inches wide of the far post.

Even so, Tottenham finished in la, in seeking the best from a rare if when called on to match Totten- out. More compact, combative in the ascendancy, almost adding to Fired up since Graham's arrival, fitful talent, Graham has stressed the ham's attackers in the air, often flat-midfield, at last taking advantage their lead in couple of goalmouth

posure had left him. Urging from the touchline, he fell into animated conversation with one of the referee's assistants. What was going on? "We were having a discussion about the laws," he smiled.

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Championship-winning teams bring three points from games like this. In fact the only cutting thing at Goodison was the Scouse wit. "A

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hamper is for Christmas," one fan

shouted, referring to the business of

the former chairman. "Everton is for

ever." Watching them it feels like

Substitutes for usea. Politicis; Parkings off: Everton Durine; Chelsea Wise. Bookings: Everton Ball, Bakayoko: Chelsea Petrescu. Poyet. Flo. Referen: G Willard (Worthing). Man of the match: Hutchison. Attendance: 36,430.

# Referee takes all the honours

BY PHILIP BARTON

Leicester City Southampton

IT is a rare event for a Premiership referee to receive praise from one manager but to get plaudits from two is virtually unprecedented. And it is an even more remarkable occurrence when the managers in question are Southampton's Dave Jones and Leicester's Martin O'Neill, who have both developed blasting the man in black into a fine art in the heat

of the post-match press conference. Referee Dermot Gallagher has long been a favourite with players (his slowness on the draw with yellow and red cards earned him a one match suspension last season) and he was arguably the best thing on the pitch on Saturday, in what was a drab, sterile match for long periods.

Two events were singled out by O'Neill for praise. The first showed a respect for players involved in hard, physical situations when a minor tussle between Claus Lundekvam and Emile Heskey ended with the striker being flipped over the defender's shoulder. It looked a lot worse than it was and Gallagher had the good sense to tick both players off when other referees might have shown yellow or even red cards.

The second led directly to Leicester's first goal after a period of intense pressure. Mark Hughes, who looked thoroughly at sea with his role as a holding midfielder, committed a bad foul on the edge of the area and Gallagher waved play on even though there was no clear immediate advantage. The problem for Saint's defence was that they all stood stock-still waiting for the whistle to blow. It never happened and Heskey slipped in behind them to stab the ball home from six yards. Gallagher went on to book Hughes after he had awarded the goal.

"I went into the referee to congratulate him after the game," enthused O'Neill. "It was excellent refereeing to allow the play to go on. He did brilliantly." And Jones was only marginally less effusive. "I thought the referee handled things well," he said. "The good referees let the game flow. He played advantage to them and we just switched off."

Worse was to follow for Saints when they committed another elementary error to allow Leicester to double their lead two minutes later. This time they failed to deal with the simple floated cross from Steve Guppy and Steve Walsh rose unmarked at the far post to head home.

Saints are now bottom of the Premiership again and look desperately in need of new personnel. They struggled to compete effectively anywhere on the pitch and this was despite Leicester fielding a side so threadbare through injury that Matt Elliott, the Scottish international centre-back, was coerced into striking duties for the second match in succession. Elliott's sometimes clumsy first

Dublin in waiting, but his face will not be as red as Matt Le Tissier's. The Saints' striker missed an open goal from close range and there was no From close range and there was no way back for Southampton after that Goaler Heskey [61] 1-0; Walsh [63] 2-0 Leicester Chy [3-5-2]; Keller; Walsh (Laggart, 84), Wilshtone, Strukin Guppe, Izzet, Zagoraios (Schoge, 79), Impey, Elliort, Heskey, Sobaticuses not used: Arphesod (gk), Parker, Fenton, Southampton (4-4-2); Jones; Renail, Lundekvam, Dodd, Hidry, Ripley (Beatter 72); Palmer, Hughes (Kachloul, 72), Oaifeya tter 72); Palmer, Hughes (Kachloul, 72), Oaifeya tter 72); Palmer, Hughes (Kachloul, 72), Oaifeya tter 72); Palmer, Hughes Refuree: D Gallagher (Bandury), Ban of the match: Lennin, Man of the match: Lennin, Attendamen: 18,423.

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# Vialli fast running out of patience with Wise

TWO QUESTIONS emerged from this watch: how much longer can sea tolerate Dennis Wise's irresponsibility and how much longer will large crowds continue to flock

to Goodison to watch an Everton team who could bore for England? Wise was sent off for the third time this season in his first League match since he served a four-match suspension and afterwards his play-

er-manager, Gianluca Vialli,

appeared to have the end of his teth-

Would Wise be fined? "No comment." What was his reaction to the sending-off? "No comment." All Vadli would say on the subject was championship this season. a terse: "The less we speak about Wise was as tight-lipped

No score draws (0); NONE. Score draws (0): NONE.

BY GUY HODGSON

Chelsea

Chelsea, for the English game and for referees."

The lips were saving nothing but the attitude spoke volumes. Vialli looked thoroughly fed up with his 31year-old captain whose worth as a player is being overtaken by his selfinflicted absences. Had Wise stayed on the field there was every reason to believe his team would have won which Chelsea will rue all the more if they finish within two points of the

Wise was as tight-lipped as his

know if Gianluca is furious with me. but he didn't seem too upset with me after the match. I expect we'll have a chat but whatever's said will be between him and me." He did add, how-

ever, that he expected to be fined. Too right. And he need not bother taking an advocate with him to plead his case because that is hopeless. Gary Willard reaches for his yellow card more quickly than most but even taking his idiosyncratic refereeing into account it was difficult to find fault with his two cautions for the inappropriately named Wise.

A scything foul on Danny Cadamarteri after three minutes and a lunge so late on Marco Materazzi Dennis the better for him, for boss at Goodison but on Radio Five it nearly did not get there until Sun-

Live yesterday he said: "I don't day would have had a saint reach- playing outside your window at the London thoroughly frustrated. card sharp Willard, and Wise deserved to go after 36 minutes. As, indeed, did Richard Dunne 15 minutes from the end.

The mathematicians among you will have worked out that Everton had a one-man advantage for almost 40 minutes but as they have the most toothless attack at home in the Premiership it was not a huge surprise that they failed to take advantage. They could not score when they

had Duncan Ferguson and Saturday did not suggest they will score without him and this was the sixth time in eight Premiership games at utes Tore Andre Flo got beyond the Goodison that they have come up home defence only to shoot limply with a blank. Frankly, if they were and the visitors travelled back to

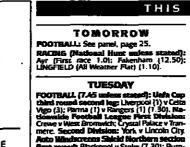
ing for his top pocket never mind the moment the temptation would be to draw the curtains and watch the wallpaper peel as a better form of entertainment.

Cadamarteri's end product frequently does not match the packaging while Ibrahima Bakayoko's ample talent reminds you off a good wine that does not travel. He might adapt to the British game but currently he looks like Daniel Amokachi in disguise.

As a result, Everton's greater share of possession yielded little and it was Chelsea who created the better chances. Twice in the last 13 min-

stone v Dundee. Soutsish League First: Di-vision: Ayr v Raim: Cydebank v Stranzer. Hamston v Morton: Hiberman v Fallorit: St Mir-ren v Aardrie. Sacoad Division: East Fife v Cyde: Forfar v Livingston; Cueen of the South v Paroid: Striling v Arbnach. Thaird Division: Albion Rover's v Dundartor; East Spring v Rose County: Montrose v Cowderbeach; Usean's Park v Berwick. Tempets Scottlish Cup Reye-round replays: Alica v Stenhousemur.

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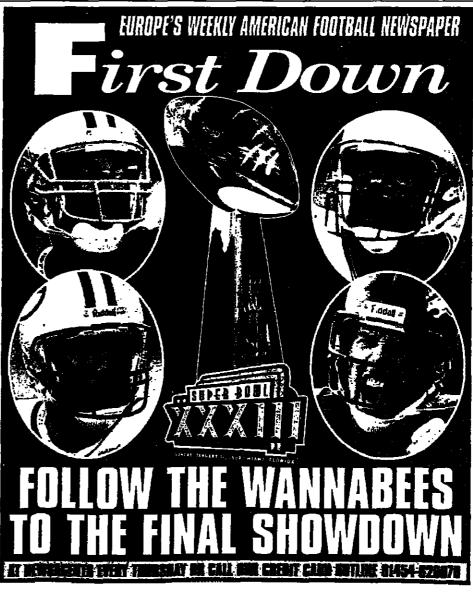
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TODAY'S NUMBER

The number of Thai beauty queens who led in the 6,700 athletes at the Asian Games opening ceremony in Bangkok. Six of them fainted in the heat.

RACING: Cheltenham (12.45); Doncaste (12.35); Haydock (12.40); Lingfield (12.15) WOLVERHAMPTON [As Weather Flat) (7.0) SUNDAY FOOTBIALL: FR Carling Premierships Aston Was v Arsenal (3.0): Wimbledon v Liverpool (4.0). Nationwide Pootball Langue Perst Division: Portsmouth v Grimsby [1.0)





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Premiership football: Newcastle's substitute needs only 60 seconds to reward Gullit and frustrate North-east rivals

# Boro denied by deft Dabizas

By JOHN DONOGHUE

Newcastle United

IT ONLY takes a minute to change the face of any match. and Nicolas Dabizas proved it to prevent Middlesbrough from reclaiming their place among the group most seriously involved in the pursuit of the Premiership leaders, Aston Vilia, yesterday.

Perhaps more in desperation than through any real sense of inspiration Ruud Gullit, the Newcastle manager, invited the Greek defender to help save this North-east derby, allotting just seven minutes for the task.

In the event, Dabizas required just a fraction of the time. Sixty seconds after replacing Warren Barton, he met a delightful cross from Laurent Charvet with a spring-heeled jump to head Newcastle level.

Yet surely, Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, should have known better than to expect anything else from such a home-grown contest. In all previous Premiership meetings with Newcastle, numbering four, they have come off second best. So, perversely, this may have to be considered a minor triumph.

In any event, it was the price they had to pay for failing to make the most of their secondhalf scoring opportunities, which at least helped distinguish Steve Harper as a goalkeeper of genuine promise.

The fightback certainly heartened Gullit who maintained: "This is another step forward for us. Two weeks ago I don't think we would even have scored one goal."

Though Charvet played a more obvious part in saving Newcastle's day, scoring one and making the other, Harper, who was only playing because of an injury to the Republic of time and thanks to Dabizas



The Middlesbrough striker Hamilton Ricard (left) gets to grips with Newcastle's Steve Howey during yesterday's North-east derby at the Riverside Stadium

spiring Newcastle team some nounced just after half-time. And while there are those who

Gazza was autographing nothing, and simply ran for surface. But then serious derby cover. If that was one surprise conflicts are meant to be jar-

Ireland's Shay Given, produced two female streakers were the remain a worry, he refused to then the other was that in a sta-ring, bone hard affairs void of cially in view of Newcastle's frail his pre-match warm-up routine a string of impressive saves. ones destined to take the eye be seduced when one of the dium so recently constructed lasting subtlety. A perfect travelling record And when after in the company of his two-yearwaders set off in chase undersoil heating was not in. River cluded amongst the facilities to help provide a more amenable

Initially, Middlesbrough looked as though they had the necessary power and focus to

a robust opening period they es- old son Regan, demonstrated tablished a 17th-minute lead Gullit's dreadlocked hope of prolonging deadlock was in pieces.

that the quality time spent with family members had not been

It was Gascoigne's quite de-

liberately placed corner which found his intended target, Andy Townsend, in plenty of space 14 yards out. Townsend looked as though he had enough time to consult the match programme before leisurely placing his first goal of the season beyond Harper.

It was hardly the start Gullit wanted, scarcely the one. Harper needed in this his first Premiership start. Yet any fears he had about what was to follow abated as Boro failed to build on their lead.

So it was of little surprise that Middlesbrough sacrificed their lead before the first half was over. No surprise, though, that the equaliser was not exactly the product of some fluent move. The nuts and bolts of it were far more common or garden, Middlesbrough making an awful meal of attempting to clear a Keith Gillespie corner. When, at the umpteenth attempt, Dean Gordon headed clear of his area, it was volleyed back spectacularly to give the French defender Charvet his first goal in the black and white of Newcastle.

The arrival of Stephen Glass, from the Newcastle bench, was designed to improve the service to Ferguson, but within 15 minutes of his arrival they were behind again to a scruffy sort of goal. Hamilton Ricard and Colin Cooper were behind the thrust and though Aaron Hughes got half a block on Cooper's shot the deflection served only to limit Harper's saving possi-

Not that he could be criticised having earlier performed minor wonders to deny Brian Deane and Townsend goals and ultimately that helped Newcastle save the match.

# Leaver will confront the dissidents

PETER LEAVER, the Premier League's chief executive, will test the strength of his support for the second time in eight days, after calling for a meeting yes-terday following signs of dissent over his appointments of the former BSkyB executives, Sam Chisholm and David Chance, as

Leaver, who has been in his position for 17 months, is said to be in the mood to resign unless there is a powerful expression of faith shown in him by the Premiership's governing body of 20 club chairmen when they meet

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BY BILL PIERCE

in London on Thursday. The barrister and former

deputy High Court judge made the unilateral decision to take the pair on board because of their expert knowledge which is certain to come in useful in negotiations for a new televised deal, due to take place in

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12 Doddery old boy heading back to find wine store (6)

13 Drink no doubt taken in for regular (8)
20 What the brave display?
21 Not likely (2,4)
22 Support when standing again? (4,2)
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the clubs is within the remit of his job, just as it was to fight off the threat of a breakaway European Super League as proposed by Media Partners in

But six of the member clubs believed to be Manchester United, Arsenal, Liverpool, Newcastle United, Leeds United and Wimbledon - are said to have expressed reservations about salary inducements offered to Leaver believes that making Chisholm and Chance.

THE MONDAY CROSSWORD

By Portia

And after a confrontation

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26 League ring to agree with view (4)

full details of the appointments after a meeting of the chairmen last Thursday, Leaver has felt obliged to calm the feud by calling another meeting.

He has refused to say how much Chisholm will be paid, but the six clubs were given the information last week provided they signed a confidentiality

Speculation puts the figure in excess of £1m, although it is also claimed that the pay award will be linked to the size of the television deal he can negotiate.

BSkyB's present domination of that particular marketplace is sure to make them before last Thursday's meeting front-runners and the inside of the Premier League chairknowledge that Chisholm and Chance must have of their former employers' made them, in Leaver's eyes, prime candi-dates to head the Premier League negotiating team.

Some clubs are beginning to suspect a "Tottenham bureaucracy" link between Leaver and Chisholm. Leaver is a former Spurs director and Chisholm was appointed to the

mer - a post he resigned just men in order to defuse any posinterest in his new appoint-

ment. It has been suggested that Thursday's meeting will be about Leaver's behaviour but a source close to him insists that it is more about his will to con-

# **Edwards 'offered** Kidd better deal'

chester United chief executive, yesterday countered claims by Brian Kidd that he had not offered him a new deal to stay at Old Trafford. Edwards insisted that he did make an increased pay offer, but he could not persuade the United No 2 to turn down the manager's job at Blackburn Rovers.

We did make him a new offer to stay." Edwards said. "We sat down with him and gave him a new contract and even offered him extended terms. But it became quite apparent that it was not a financial consideration. He wanted to have a chance at being a No 1." Edwards' comments put him

at odds with Kidd, who said: There was no salary increase of fered to me and nor was there any sought."
Edwards also denied any

suggestion of intervention from

MARTIN EDWARDS, the Man- By MARK PEIRSON

the backers of BSkyB's bid to take over United. "That is absolute nonsense," he said. Edwards did discuss the issue with a Sky representative out of "sheer courtesy".

Edwards also contested the claim that Kidd decided to leave because he had not been promised the job of successor to Alex Ferguson. "Alex Ferguson's position when he goes has never ever been discussed with Brian Kidd or anybody else. Alex himself has to decide who he wants as his No 2 - and that could be a very long process." Tottenham's Steffen Iversen

had an operation on his jaw in Oslo following a collision with the Liverpool keeper David James on Saturday. The striker is likely to be out for several weeks, Kidd, the man for all seasons, page 26

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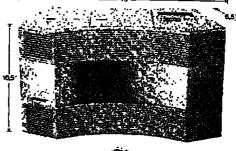
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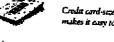
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# The sexiest bloke on the DOX

Steven Mackintosh - great presence, beautiful blue eyes and tipped to be the next Gary Oldman. Lots of women are madly in love with him. Tragically, he's already taken

the actor Steven Mackintosh when he played the mysterious John Rokesmith (alias John Harmon) in the BBC's adaptation of Dickens's Our Mutual Friend. "Hmm, he's quite something," I thought. "I like him." Next, it must have been as Joe, the romantic lead in the film The Land Girls, which co-starred the disgustingly pretty Anna Friel whom (as part of the plot) he got to sleep with. In fact, he also got to sleep with her in Our Mutual Friend, now I think about it, but I chose not to let it bother me on either occasion.

After all, and as my mother always told me, what I lack in looks I more than make up for with bags of something that might be personality, but then again might just be bags. (Tesco, Safeway, Sainsbury, Waitrose, Kwik Save... I compulsively collect them all, God knows why.)

And then thirdly, it was as the dark, disturbing Tom in the BBC's dark. disturbing cop drama Undercover Heart, where he got to sleep with Daniela Nardini, which I didn't mind so much, because she's quite big and Scottish and possibly part-horse.

Anyway, by the time Undercover Heart came along, I was terribly in love, and practically considered ourselves married, with golden-haired children who happily agreed to wear cute sailor suits and didn't mind when Mummy had to go to Hollywood with Daddy because Daddy was up for an Oscar, and Mummy had been offered the loan of a dress from Versace. "It was promised to Julia Roberts, actually, Mrs Mackintosh. But as it's you..." Anyway, I hink when you get this far with someone,

ou possibly ought to meet them. So, astonishingly, I fix it. I say "astonishingly" because, generally, I am as dynamic as a dead slug after it's received a massive cosh on the head. But I get his agent's number, and call, and before you know it we are due to meet at the restauraut Granita in Islington.

Granita is a very chic, New Labour sort of place. I arrive first, and am spectacularly nervous. I am looking quite nice, though, in some extraordinarily elegant combat trousers which I thought about ironing until think I would have shredded the napkin, had it been possible, but the Granita napkins are linen or something, so I just end up unpicking a few hems.

There's a fine-looking woman in high heels and a soft, expensive-looking, scarlet leather jacket sitting at the next table. When Steven arrives, he makes straight to-

think I must have first clocked wards her table. "Coo-eee. Over here!" I have to cry. He has to quickly change direction. "You were hoping I was that woman, weren't you?" I say. "I wasn't," he protests. "Were," I say sulkily. "Wasn't!" he repeats. I tell him that if we go on like this, we will have to make an appointment with Relate. Think of the children, Steven! He is starting to look quite frightened.

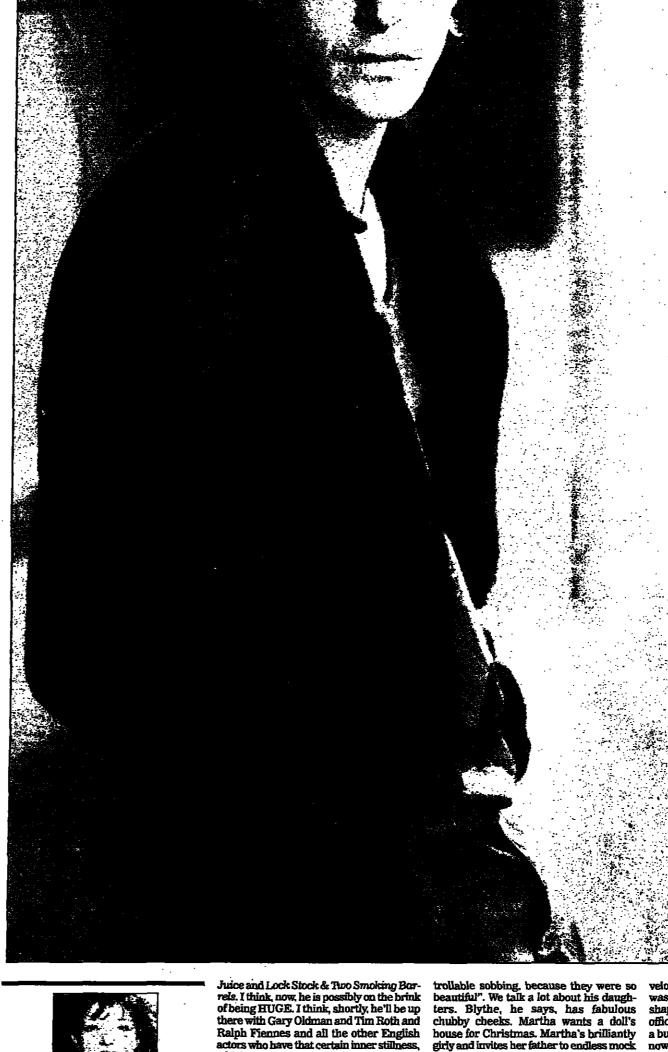
He is exceptional-looking. He isn't, thankfully, handsome in that overrated, hunky, Tom Cruise sort of way. He is quite small, scrawny even, with girl's hands, yet he has the most beautiful face - serious, intense, wintry, subtly reactive. He has very blue eyes. There is a real kind of power to him. As an actor, he has that certain something which you can't explain because. if you could, he wouldn't have it. It might be a kind of cocktail of vulnerability, danger, intelligence and total fanciability. But, then again, it might not. I mean, what do I know, apart from the fact that Sainsbury bags seem appallingly filmsy in comparison to the Waitrose ones, which seem to be better made all round?

Anyway, I wonder whether he thinks he has a certain quality. At least an astonishing physical presence, if nothing else. He gasps: "God, no. I think of myself as a pointy-faced weirdo. Too angular, too spindly. I should really do more of the gym thing." He says that sex-scenes always terrify him. He's panic-stricken for weeks beforehand. "It's such a strange thing to do." he says. "And while you're doing it, you're aware that people are ultimately going to see this spindly little thing writhing around on a bed."

He is wearing old jeans, an old woolly jumper that might have come from Oxfam and an old coat that looks very The Red Cross shop on the Holloway Road, and which I think I almost bought once. He is quite creased, too. "I don't have an iron either,' he admits, which makes me even more certain that we have a great future together. He is wearing a chain around his neck with a chunk of stone threaded on to it – "It's a lucky stone I found on a beach in Suffolk' - and a silver identity bracelet "that my wife saw in a shop in Norfolk..."

Your wife, Steven? "Yes, my wife saw it in a shop in Norfolk and..." YOUR WIFE, STEVEN! "Yes, my wife saw it in a..." OK, I realised I don't actually have an iron. I how long has this been going on? "Well, we just celebrated our 10th anniversary and ... " CHILDREN, STEVEN? "Two girls. Martha, six, and Blythe, two." So you were trapped early, then? "My family are the most important thing to me," he protests. Yes! Yes! I cry. I feel the same! My family are the most important thing to

me! I'm not just some pathetic saddie who





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lives surrounded by supermarket carrier bags and falls for blokes off the telly, you know! I, too, have a very rich family life. Although, that said, if you did want someone to go the Oscars with you, I could possibly manage it. He says hang on, he's only just acquired an agent on the West Coast.

"And I haven't even ever been to LA yet!" He's 31 now, but made his stage debut at 12 at London's Bush Theatre, and has been working consistently since. In Prick Up Your Ears, the celebrated film of Joe Orton's life, he played young Joe in the childhood flashback scenes. In the Adrian Mole television series, he was Adrian's trainer-obsessed mate Nigel. More recently, it was as a scary, murderous nutter who fed his victims to his dogs in Prime Suspect 5, plus major film roles in Blue

which Hollywood so loves.

He, however, insists that he has no ambition in this direction. "Td like to do a contemporary London thing, working with provisation," he says, in his sweet, rather earnest way.

Fame? Does that attract you? He says he has just reached the point where people are clocking him in the street. It's OK, but quite disturbing, especially as most can't quite remember where they've seen him before. "So it's: Were you at Leicester Poly with me in 1982? You were, weren't you? Don't deny it.'"

We have a very nice lunch. He is a very real bloke. He's a woman's bloke, I think. He lives locally, near Arsenal football ground, but isn't interested in football in the least. He lives almost entirely with females. Even his dog is a girl. The only other men in the household are some fish. "My guppies. And the males are after the females 24 hours a day, trying to impregnate them. All the girl fish look as if they're thinking: Bugger off. You've had me already." He says he cried when his daughters were born. "Just this unconlittle tea parties.

Martha's a bit upset at the moment, though, because her friend Jessica has told her fairies don't really exist. Steven has had like-minded people, possibly through im- to convince her that maybe they do. We agree that children are wonderful, because they can be so easily duped. I tell him that if his daughter ever asks where God lives, for example, he might want to say he lives over Waitrose on the Holloway Road, with six angels who act as a remote for the telly, and a cat called Louise. I add that I told this to my own son once, and it satisfied his curiosity until he was at least 17. Steven says he knows this particular Waitrose well. It's where he does his weekly shop. I say, if you want to come back afterwards to see my Waitrose bag collection, you'd be most welcome. He says with great regret that he has to pick Martha up from somewhere shortly. He is truly disap-

pointed, I think. He was born and brought up in Sawston, which is just outside Cambridge. He feels no great attachment to the place. "I think it might have been a fairly pretty place once, with 13 pubs on the high street. But then it became one big Sixties housing de-

velopment, and very new-towny. Our house was one of those standard, Sixties, Legoshaped things.' His mother, Dorothy, is an office worker, while his father, Malcolm, is a builder. He has one sister, Linda, who is now a childminder. He says his first passion was not for the theatre or anything, but music. He used to have this wind-up gramophone, he says, which he called his "thirty bob" because it cost him thirty bob, and he carried it everywhere with him. It may have been a kind of early ghettoblaster. He loved the "cheap end of disco music - Sister Sledge, Boney M - before graduating to Pink Floyd, "and writing their names all over my denim jacket, and all that rubbish"

Steven is still music-mad, and spends most of his money on CDs. "I have finally trained myself to be able to walk past a CD shop. Sometimes."

He thought at one time that he might be a rock star. He taught himself the guitar a bit. He sang a bit. But then he discovered that he was a good mimic.

However, he says that, as a boy, he was quite awkward and shy and uncomfortable in his own skin. He didn't easily make friends, he says, until he discovered a gift for mimicry, which made him quite popular at school. He is, he admits, the absolute cliché of the actor who became an actor because he found it easier being someone Continued on page 8

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Sir: Almost thirty years ago a young boy, like millions of others around the world, sat in a darkened room as a ghostly black and white figure descended to the lunar surface. As a Nasa employee for six years I saw the same passionate look I had back in 1969 in the faces of youngsters at Space Camp as they saw the present-day shuttle\_

I feel very sorry for Charles Arthur ("A waste of space", 4 December) in that he can only see investment in the International Space Station (ISS) in terms of money. I doubt whether many of those schoolchildren will ever be as inspired by investments in stocks and shares as much as by the space programme.

He admits that Mars Surveyor was a "spectacular success" but then goes on to say it showed Mars to be a "dead, cold, rocky desert". So what? A negative result in science is as good as a positive

Nasa's annual budget (around \$14bn the last time I looked) is a relatively small part of the US government's spending, considerably smaller than social

security, housing and defence. It is those with vision, big ideas and dreams that alter our world and not those that sit and criticise. MARK F SMITH Charlbury, Oxfordshire

Sir. The cradle of Earth cannot sustain life indefinitely, whether the end comes by our own hands. astronomical misfortune or the ageing of our own Sun. For life to survive we must explore and conquer space. The space race is against time itself and the stakes are the highest imaginable. Is Mr Arthur truly denying the meaning of all life since the beginning of time for a few billion dollars? The ISS is a stepping stone to all our futures, not some self-serving public relations exercise. MICHAEL de WHALLEY Grimston, Norfolk

Sir: Your leading article "Place no bounds on our quest for knowledge" (21 November) managed to explore every pennypinching cliche in favour of abandoning the space station

Had Nasa and the politicians who fund it more courage it would long ago have become clear that the debate goes far beyond these banalities and in fact concerns the future of our species. Within the next century we will have exhausted our poor planet's resources; if by then provision has not been made to accommodate some of us in space, we will become extinct.

This debate does not concern an accountant's narrow preoccupation with value for money; it is not about some "quest for knowledge", as you put it. The issue could not be more fundamental; your paper should be digging deep for facts, not worriedly wringing its hands over the dollars involved - unless, of course, someone has discovered the secret of spending money when dead. PEVANS Frinton-on-Sea, Esser

Sir: If Charles Arthur really does begrudge the money that the space station will cost each European then I will gladly send him a cheque for the 1p a week it will cost (assuming the space

station has a life span of 20 years). Likewise his belief that the Mars explorations are a failure due to the (so far) lack of evidence of life is surely misguided. He no doubt would also count the ascent of Everest a failure as it failed to find a branch of McDonald's open on the summit. Exploration has always been a

driving force in man's history and long may it continue to be so. Mr Arthur is welcome to stay at home darning his socks JOHN LOWRY Kenilworth, Warwickshire

Sir: Charles Arthur suggests that the International Space Station is

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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a costly white elephant, and merely an exercise in public relations. I think there is an altogether more pragmatic reason for the project.

Is it purely coincidence that projects such as the ISS and the proposed manned missions to Mars only really got off the ground when global warming became an undeniable threat? Or are they part of a multi-trillion-dollar insurance policy for the great and good of the new world order? MARK SIMPSON Birmingham

### Send him to Spain

Sir: Patricia Ann Wilson asks whether the "Spanish should be the ones to judge another on the matter of crimes against humanity" (letter, 4 December). She makes an ill-advised and offensive comparison between the Spanish people of the late 20th century and General Pinochet. Ms Wilson must believe that Spain remains unchanged since Pizarro and Cortes.

Acts against the indigenous peoples of North America, Africa, India and Australia by Britain which in some instances continued well into this century, were, if anything, even more shameful.

The degree of autonomy granted to the Basque country since the death of Franco in 1976 (such as fiscal autonomy and its own police force), far exceeds that which is enjoyed in Northern Ireland or which is planned for Scotland and Wales. Ms Wilson seems unaware that the vast majority of the Basques wish to remain Spanish and are supportive of the fight against

If it was not for the foresight of a Spanish judge not only would we now not be engaging in a debate over where Pinochet should be tried but he would now be back in Santiago happily enjoying a Chilean summer. The Spanish courts should be congratulated for their courage.

I for one am far happier for Pinochet to be tried under Spanish jurisdiction than in a country such as the UK with such close ties of friendship and commerce with Chile. MARK PENNINGTON

London W9

Sir: Martin Cadman's logic, comparing Pinochet's case with that of the Libyans accused of the Lockerbie bombing, is totally awry (letter, 4 December). Pinochet committed his crimes in Chile and so, it is argued, should be tried there. The bombers committed their crimes elsewhere, including Scotland, and so there would be no inconsistency in maintaining the demand the two accused Libyans be tried in Scotland or a European

MERVYN BENFORD Banbury. Oxfordshire

Sir: Pinochet did give back power to the people peacefully. If the extradition process goes on, the message for all dictators still ruling their countries is very clear. whatever you do, hold on to power for the rest of your life ALFREDO BARRIGA Santiago, Chile

### Supermarket terror

Sir: The ending of the worldwide ban on British beef is extremely welcome. However it would be easy to be under the misconception that all our troubles are over: far from it.

At present, we livestock farmers are failing to get a market price high enough to cover the cost of production, a problem which can be remedied if only the supermarkets' ruthless reign of terror brought to an end. The supermarkets have been far too

for medical treatment?



Winter visitors No 1: The cold weather sets birdwatchers' pulses racing at Snettisham, on the Norfolk coast, where waders and waterfowl arrive in their thousands to overwinter David Rose

quick to capitalise on the regrettable shortsightedness of some farmers who sell their livestock directly into supermarket-owned abattoirs,

bypassing the live market system. The supermarkets set a seductive price for livestock just above the average live market price. Premium livestock are

Sir: Philip Hensher's diatribe against C S Lewis's children's

stories ("Don't let your

tempted away from the market system, leaving only the animals which do not meet their specifications. This results in a lowering of the market average price the following week - the price from which the supermarkets will go on to base their subsequent premium. Every week that follows, the downward

spiral continues, with lamb prices now at rock bottom.

For the many livestock markets which work on a commission basis the loss of throughput could well see the end of the live auction system. The supermarkets will then achieve a price monopoly.

The crash in farm gate prices for livestock has led to the loss of

IN BRIEF

children go to Narnia", 4 December) has all the qualities he despises, moral bullying by someone "mean and and smug self-satisfaction. His final bon mot, "Give them misogynist. ISOBEL MONTGOMERY anything else - Last Exit to Brooklyn, a bottle of vodka, a CAMPBELL

phial of prussic acid, even Winnie the Pooh – but keep them away from The Voyage of the Down Treader" - smacks of the most tedious kind of schoolboy witticism. No one cares if Philip Hensher likes Narnia: many adults do not. Children do. Why take it away from them because of priggish right-thinking? MEGAN McGILCHRIST London SE4

Sir: Philip Hensher obviously has not bothered to read AGrief Observed, a work that has not only helped me in my bereavements (I am an

orphan), but has also helped many others. It was not written narrow-minded", let alone a London W13

Sir: Oscar Wilde, who had affairs with members of both sexes, not to mention an apparently (if his own letters are to be believed) passionate marriage, would be more accurately described as bisexual than gay ("It's got to go", I December). KAREN ABBOTT Somerset, New Jersey, USA

Sir: Michael Brown's comparison (The Week in Parliament, 5 December) of the "cost" of my questions and the amount paid to ministers in

severance payments is a false one. My questions cost nothing - the cost is a theoretical one. Not a single civil servant has been taken on to answer them, and not one would have been made redundant had I not done so. The £106,652 paid to exministers, however, is real taxpavers' money. NORMAN BAKER MP (Lewes, Lib Dem) House of Commons

Sir: J G Cuninghame (letter, 3 December) should look again at the latest hardbacks. The pages are folded, allowing the book to open flat. But they are not sewn. This is no doubt a cheaper production than before. The main disadvantage of perfect bound books nowadays is that it is difficult to avoid creasing the spine on opening the book for the first time.

London SW1

### Tatchell's sermon

Sir. Let's get this into proportion. Dr Carey's sermon was delayed for about two minutes by someone objecting to his conduct on human rights. Dr Carey sustained no injury, the magistrate accepted that the protest was non-violent and likened it to a minor public order offence. In contrast, the attempts to remove Peter Tatchell were forceful

The Archbishop's spokesman is correct to say that it does not matter that the 1860 Act is old (letters, 3 December). By modern standards it is positively draconian; those found guilty of assault and injury sometimes only receive community service orders.

confused if he thinks prison awaits those simply interrupting a stage performance or denouncing the local pub landlord. The only interruptions that could result in prison are those in or around a place of worship, under the Ecclesiastical Courts Jurisdiction Act 1860. This harsh and privileged successfully seeking to move News statute must be repealed as soon at Ten is curiously at odds with his as possible. K PORTEOUS WOOD marketer, it would have been more General Secretary National Secular Society London WC1 flexibility to schedule as is enjoyed

> Sir. Nigel Hawthorne asks if we would dare to hold somebody up to ridicule if they were Jewish, black or a member of any other minority group ("The dangerous bigotry of the BBC", 2 December). The answer is that we would if they belonged to the Church of England.

The freedom to protest is not a cherished practices of a minority. Atheists and pagens are free to reject Christianity but in our democracy even Christians are entitled to have their beliefs and sincerity protected from violence.

His general assertion "that there is no longer any regular serious current affairs on ITV" falls into the same bracket for accuracy. It is a bit rich to dismiss our new one-hour 60 Minutes-style current affairs programme – the biggest current affairs commission on any channel for 30 years before it has even hit the screen. DAVID LIDDIMENT MALWYN THOMAS Director of Programmes London SW6 ITV Network Ltd. London WC1

### Schools in crisis

hundreds of millions of pounds to

agriculture has contributed to the

loss of many family farms. It will

to overcome for many young

I may be forced to reconsider.

Sir: Andrew Neil's criticism of ITV

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ROBERT J DAVIES

ITV hits back

(Media, 1 December) for

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by its competitors.

Budget special.

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huge blow to the economics of

Sir: To proclaim the depoliticising of education on the grounds that there is no longer a debate (leading article, 1 December) is to misread the situation. For politicians of all persuasions education as political football is over; education is no longer "sexy"; it is media-dead.

The crushing of professional independence; the fostering of a regime of repression and harassment; the degrading of the idea of a liberal education and substitution of purely material and market values; the humiliation of vulnerable and disadvantaged schools to make cheap political capital: fast-track preferment for the few leaving a pittance for the rest - all this bespeaks the real state of affairs in education and gives the lie to your analysis. For a more reliable verdict on the quality of life in our schools we need look no farther than the unprecedented crisis of recruitment to the teaching profession. MALCOLM ROSS Dartington, Devon

Sir: If David Blunkett is to assess the success of teachers, and reward them accordingly, on the basis the achievements, or otherwise, of their pupils he is surely neglecting another vital part of the equation. Research suggests, that 50 per cent of the performance of a child in school is dependent upon his/her parenting. Are parents, therefore, going to be similarly evaluated for the amount of child benefit they receive as a consequence of their children's results at school? GEOFF COX Rugby, Warwickshire

also prove to be a hurdle too high farmers who would have been the next generation of this industry. As a young farmer myself, I am one of the few who choose to remain in agriculture, but with the current The Rev John Williams is state of the industry this a decision

licence to abuse the inoffensive and

To me as a Christian Peter Tatcheli's disruption of our sacred, solemn and contemplative service of Holy Communion in the mother church of English Christianity was even more offensive than the endless journalistic mocking and deriding of our beliefs, and such jeering would indeed not be directed at Jews or blacks.

Sir: The one who missed a great opportunity when Peter Tatchell tried to take over the pulpit from the Archbishop was the organist. He could have played the loudest impromptu voluntary of his life! The Rev JOHN B WILCOX Redcar, Cleveland

### Oboe notes

Sir: Michael Cumming's interesting article laments that the Oboe blind-bombing system did not receive more widespread use (Historical Notes, 1 December).

There were two simple reasons. First, the beam could only be picked up in a straight line from the transmitter, as the Earth curved away the minimum height above ground at which it could be ground at which it could be received increased, the further the aircraft was from the transmitter. The aircraft ceiling of the time was around 30,000 feet, which gave a maximum range of 300 miles. The furthest target possible was the Ruhr. The majority of German cities were beyond its range.

Second, only one aircraft at a time could use the system. Bomber Command had earlier realised that single aircraft over a target were easy prey to defences and developed the stream tactic. This placed up to 1,000 bombers over a target in a little over an hour, overwhelming the defences and reducing casualty rates.

Consequently it was decided to use Oboe solely as a means of accurate marking. Other devices. such as the H2S ground-mapping radar, were developed to extend the range of bomber operations. However, they were not as accurate as Oboe and area bombing remained the only option at night. Dr STEPHEN TRAVIS Sale, Cheshire

# Pinochet: dinner with Thatcher was like an enema

I AM very pleased to offer the hospitality of this column to General Augusto Pinochet, who has been looking for a safe refuge ever since he arrived in this country. He has kindly agreed to give me the day off while he acts as guest columnist and answers the queries of our readers. All yours, General

Dear General Pinochet, Do you now regret coming to England for medical treatment? Do you wish you had stayed in Chile? General Pinochet writes: No. my friend. What I was looking for was something I could only find in

And what was that? A dinner date with Mrs Thatcher!

You think a dinner date with Mrs Thatcher is not medical treatment? Mi Dios, it is very similar to colonic irrigation or an enema or any of those scouring operations which leave you feeling battered, exhausted, empty but hopeful. Maybe more like electric shock treatment. Anyway, after my dinner with Señora Thatcher, I felt I could face anything. That is why I have been so resilient under arrest. If I am sequestered by the police, I thought, at least that saves me from another dinner date with death.

You're joking, surely? Yes, I'm joking. I am merely trying to show that we Chileans also have

But I thought you had come here So what was the medical problem

that really brought you here? I had arm trouble.

Arm trouble? Yes. Chile needed more arms, and I agreed to come over to Britain to

Is that another joke? I have always admired the British sense of humour. After all, any nation which could put up with Mrs Thatcher for 10 years must have a very advanced form of humour.

Tell us, General - what does it feel like to be a mass murderer? Yes, I thought we might get a question like this. Well, let me tell you, I have no idea. Yes, bad things were done in Chile while I was leader. They were very bad things. But I did not do them. They were done



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My visit was to cure arm trouble - Chile needed more arms, so I arranged to buy them over here

with my knowledge and by my government forces. But never was I present when anyone was killed. Has Tony Blair been present when someone was killed? I think not.

But Tony Blair is not a mass mur-Nevertheless, he stands by while people are killed. Every year on British roads 5,000 people are slaughtered. Even by my standards as a so-called "mass murderer" that is impressive. Now, Tony Blair does not kill any of these people personally. But he has it in his power to stop it happening. By not doing so, is he a mass murderer?

That is pure sophistry! Thank you very much. Next question? Preferably not about my r as a mass murderer?

This one is about philology, General I am very interested in your

name, Pinochet. It looks very French. It sounds very French. But

Chile is a Spanish-speaking nation. Can you explain this? Easily. When an immigrant becomes assimilated to a new country, he loses everything of his old identity except his name, and often not even that. You have people in Britain with French names. Your general in the Gulf War - what was he called? Peter de la Billière? And what of your actress lady, Frances de la Tour? And Philip de Glanville? Are they all French?

Claro que no... Now, the BBC makes the mistake of pronouncing my name in the French style, Peeno-shay but in Chile I am Pee-nochet. You know the Chilean footballer Marcelo Salas? Everyone

in Britain calls him Mar-chello, but that is the Italian pronunciation. In Chile he is Mar-sello. The problem, is European ignorance. Which is also why I am still here.

Do you have no regrets at all,

Yes. I regret that Chile has no national dance. Brazil has the samba, Argentina has the tango, Cuba has the salsa, but Chile has nothing. Even our old enemy Peru has the Andean pipes, and revolting they are too, but we have nothing. That is my one regret. Nothing else.

very much hope to get the General back again soon so that the old rascal can deal with more of your queries, so keep those questions rolling in

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# Animal welfare is a good cause, but it needs no martyrs

BY THE time you read this, Barry Horne may be dead. His chances of survival are certainly slim. He would not be quite the first martyr of the modern animal rights movement: Jill Phipps was crushed under the wheels of a lorry exporting live calves to the Continent four years ago. However, he is the first to choose to die for the cause. Such passionate belief in the rightness of a cause demands an answer.

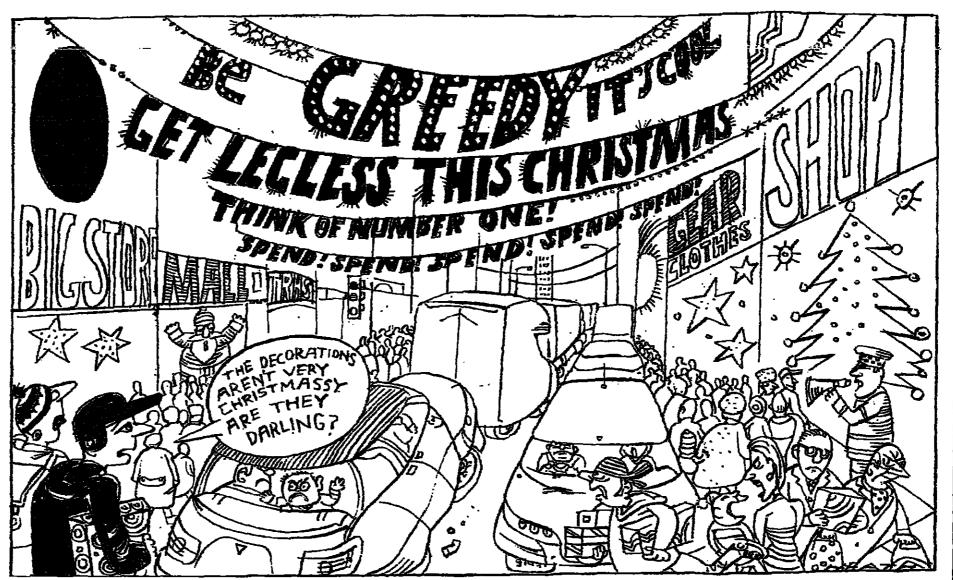
Mr Horne is fasting in protest at the Labour Government's failure to set up a Royal Commission to examine the issue of experiments on animals. It is true that the Labour Party has broken the spirit of its preelection promise. In 1996, Tony Blair put his name to a document called "New Labour, New Life for Animals" which said: "We will support a Royal Commission to review the effectiveness and justification of animal experiments and to examine alternatives." This pledge was not repeated in the manifesto, but it was referred to obliquely: "We have advocated new measures to promote animal welfare," the manifesto declared.

Now, however, ministers say a Royal Commission would be too expensive and might delay action. It is an argument that would carry more weight if there were any action to delay: so far the Government has managed to end the testing of cosmetics on animals, which accounted for just 250 rabbits, guinea pigs and rats out of a total of 2.7 million animals a year. And, while it is true that Royal Commissions are cumbersome - they "take minutes and waste years", as Harold Wilson said - no other way of assessing the need for animal experiments has been set up.

This is regrettable, less from the point of view of cruelty to animals than because it provides a grievance against which extreme measures can be mobilised. If the Prime Minister had announced a review, it would have been a chance to educate the public about the balance that has to be made between the welfare of humans and that of other animals. As it is, the cry of "betraval" provides moral fuel for the arsonists, saboteurs and hunger strikers of the animal rights movement, while giving them little incentive to consider the detail of complex public policy.

And fanaticism is a dangerous thing. Absolutism in pursuit of rights which are not absolute, such as those of animals, can never be justified.

It leads to the kind of illogic which ends up with the release of mink to slaughter wildlife and to die painful deaths or with the argument that the lives of scientists who use animals to alleviate human suffering are less important than those of mice. The responsible wing of the animal rights movement must ensure that the tragedy of Mr Horne does not become a greater one.



### Neither a gazumper nor a gazunderer be

WE SHOULD be wary of Hilary Armstrong today, when the housing minister announces measures designed to make price. Equally, buyers should not be allowed to "gazunder" These are laudable objectives. And there is no doubt that the business of conveyancing is more difficult, expensive and slow than it need be, and that this works against a fair enable sellers to have surveys done for any prospective buyer. market in the most expensive things most people ever buy.

best price. The idea of a "log book" for every house is flawed: fied intervention in the supposedly free market.

who would compile it and to whom would they be liable if it turned out to be misleading?

There are two ideas which, if they appear in Ms Armstrong's plans, should be welcomed. One is that sellers should be forced to compensate prospective purchasers if they "gazump" - that is, accept a higher offer after agreeing a the buying and selling of houses easier, cheaper and faster. - drop the price before exchanging. The other is that surveyors should be made liable to anyone who relies on a survey, not just the person who commissioned it. This would

What is depressing is that the proposals should be nec-But house-buying can never be reduced to the simplicity essary at all. Making the market work better does not apand efficiency of buying baked beans, precisely because hous- pear to require any changes in the law. The legal and es are large, complex things and the amounts of money in-surveying professions have been slow to innovate. If Ms volved are so big. Many of the quick fixes are misguided. Armstrong can give them a kick to get them to cut the three The Scottish system of sealed bids does not guarantee the months it takes on average to buy a house, it will be justi-

### Lost for words

WHEN GERHARD Schröder, the new German Chancellor, appealed for common sense in the row over hidden state subsidies in the form of tax breaks - or the "Hun plot to put up our taxes", in the Eurosceptic press - we were brought up short when the English word "fairness" suddenly cropped up in the middle of a sentence full of umlauts and initial capitals. Apparently, there is no exact German word that means "fairness", so Mr Schröder did what most Germans do, which is to use the English one. The Eurosceptic press will no doubt put this fact in the same category of xenophobic myths as the claim that there is no word for "sorry" in Japanese, or that there is no word for "snow" in the Inuit language. But before they go too far they should reflect that there are some things for which there is no word in English, for all its polyglot inheritance laissez-faire being nerhans the most

# When will New Labour face up to the truth about taxes?

"SHOCK! HORROR! Train fares to rise and Germany governments spend by 21 per cent..." Yes, it's that grim more on trains so the fares are lower time of year when our privatised rail companies announce their fares for Britain we have opted for a system next year. The annual ritual has where the fare, which takes no become as familiar as the switching account of a person's ability to pay or on of Christmas lights in high streets the benefits to road users from travaround the country. For 11 months of ellers opting to take trains, has rethe year, there are reports highlighting the appalling train services endured by travellers. The year's end is greeted with news of huge fare rises. Here we go again?

Not quite. The story is more comabout bungling privatised companies seeking bigger profits.

Of course, no one in their right minds would leap to the defence of the millionaire incompetents who run these services. With their excuses the like, the rail bosses convert me to fleeting advocacy of capital punishment, maybe commuted to enforced incarceration on a train from London to Blackpool, something that would take up most of the rest of their natural lives. But a much wider question has to be asked of those fare increases: what did we expect?

For there is a blindingly obvious Tanection between the amount the g'avernment is willing to spend on train services and the level of the fares. If the subsidy shrinks there is only the fare-payer to make up for the shortfall. No doubt there are savings to be made through efficiencies, and quite clearly the old nationalised British Rail

and the services are more reliable. In placed higher government spending.

This, along with less than inspired

management, is why Britain has a shambolic privatised railway network. It stands as a totem to the country's inability to have a mature debate about taxation and spending. The former Conservative transport minister, Stephen Norris, has admitted as much. He suggests that the main rea-son for his support of rail privatisation was despair at the prospect of getting any more money out of the Treasury. about the "wrong type of snow" and Either a publicly owned system withered through lack of funds or they handed it over to the private sector. But why were there no funds? Because the ground was being prepared by the Major government for pre-election tax cuts.

This has had an intriguing and irrational side-effect in Britain's hysterical debate about Europe. The most wooed voters in the world, the Middle Englanders, head for France his hereditary peer. Indeed it is for their holidays. There they are impressed with the efficiency of French trains. Then they return to Britain, phone up Nicky Campbell on Five Live it is Europe alone the Tories always to declare that the rest of Europe is risk another bout of internal fighting. jealous of the British way of life and wants to take it over. The next day they was no model on which to base a head for Calais because prices in decent service. But in the end there supermarkets are much lower than in neutralised tax as an issue at the last

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### **STEVE** RICHARDS

It is just possible that Europe will provide a camouflage for some tax rises in years to come

British supermarkets would not be able to get away with it if Britain was in the euro. The differences would be too transparent.

The row over Europe that erupted last week will do so again this week, when William Hague will be dusting down the questions he would - and should - have asked Tony Blair in the Commons last Wednesday before he decided the time had come to defend because Europe has now become linked with tax that Hague is actually on potentially fruitful territory. When But on tax and spend the party of the

Tony Blair and Gordon Brown is no getting away from it. In France Britain. Well Middle England, the election by taking the drastic step of madness. He talks now of a "tax and Steve Richards is political editor of

**MONITOR** 

the whole parliament. This was a shrewd move because income tax had become an irrational symbol in British politics, as if all that mattered was a party's attitude towards it. As Michael Meacher pointed out in an interview with me a short time before the election, there were plenty of other ways of raising taxes.

The reason the spin doctors reacted with horror to Meacher's endearing candour was that he happened to be right. With considerable stealth, the Treasury has found other cash-raising measures. However, there is a limit to the number of times that Gordon Brown can find discreet ways of doing this, a privatisation here, a tax on pensions there.

This is what prompted the Fabian Society to set up a commission under Lord Plant to review Britain's tax system. Downing Street was not pleased at the news, which shows how primitive our debate on taxation remains. The prospect of Lord Plant declaring that some taxes may have to rise sends shivers down Blairite spines. But the commission will not be recommending a reversion to "Old Labour" policies of interventionism in failing industries or excessive spending without accompanying efficiencies. It may recommend other ways of raising tax in order to fund a modern welfare state and other services. If Britain could only have a rational debate, no one should be afraid of that.

To some extent Brown has moved the debate on from the pre-election

pledging not to raise income tax for invest" strategy, which implies that taxpayers will get something back for their money. This is why the reforms in education and health are important. Crucially, voters need to see tangible improvements to accompany the cash pumped into these services.

> But the debate is still at a desperately early stage. How will Labour respond, for example, to the following scenario? In January 2001, months before a likely election, the shadow chancellor Peter Lilley, goes on the Today programme and announces that a Tory government would cut the basic rate of income tax by 2p in the pound to be paid for by cuts in the social security budget and other efficiencies. William Hague declares: We prefer to let the voters decide how to spend their money, rather than a nanny state and Tony's cronies spending it for them." Unless the debate matures a little in the coming years, Brown may feel obliged to follow suit and take part in a tax-cutting auction. It is too late to do much about the railways. They were privatised long ago, but other services demand levels of spending which should rule out such an option.

There is, though, a twist to the hysteria of recent weeks. While Blair and Brown are right to challenge the excesses of Oskar Lafontaine, it is just possible that Europe will provide a camouflage for some necessary tax increases in the years to come. If we are limited to taxation by stealth, we might as well let Brussels, if not our trains, take some of the strain.

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It feels me with gloom that William Hague's office seems to be intent on poisoning Robert Cranborne's reputation" Lord Fraser, former deputy leader of the Tory peers

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Opinions which justify cruelty are inspired by cruel impulses Bertrand Russell, philosopher



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WILLIAM HAGUE was never THE WEEK which ought to more than a smart-alec debater. That was his downfall, for best turned out to be his worst. he tried to be too smart with Tony Blair.

Mr Hague has failed himself. his party and his country. But it is not entirely his fault. The internal warfare and harred among Tory MPs led twen to pick a boy to do a man's

Now we see the farcical and tragic consequences. Sunday Mirror

have been William Hague's Mr Hague made a bad tactical ALL THE NEWS OF THE WORLD misjudgement at Prime Minister's Question Time by attacking Mr Blair solely over the

The Sunday newspapers reflect on William Hague's position

right is united.

But this does not mean the Tory leader acted wrongly once the crisis erupted. Lord Cranmated the Prime Minister's borne charmingly compared insouciance when accused of himself to an "ill-trained

breaking his own principles. spaniel". Abandoning hunting metaphor, one might more pertinently describe his actions as devious, disloyal, two-timing, arrogant and mendacious.

Hague's principled toughness rather than the carnage on the red benches that will remain in the public mind. The Sunday Telegraph

themselves if they think he can be replaced before the next general election. The Tories have to decide: do they want to give Labour a free run into the next election or do they We suspect that when the want to put up a decent fight?

dust has settled, it will be Mr If the latter, then they had better start behaving like a proper opposition. The Sunday Times

WILLIAM HAGUE'S chief function seems to be to make Blair MR HAGUE'S critics delude look sincere and authentic. which is quite something.

No wonder the Tories are looking at Ann Widdecombe as an alternative. She, unfortunately, is frighteningly real. (Suzanne Moore)

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# **PANDORA**

ALUN MICHAELS bid to become leader of the Welsh Assembly took a double blow last week. In his role as Secretary of State for Wales. Michael held a public meeting in Newport last Friday, when only 25 people turned up. The meeting was the first in Michael's devolution tour of Wales, designed to "engage with people directly all over Wales", and a convenient bandwagon for his leadership ambitions. In recent weeks Michael's campaign for assembly leader has been boosted by the appearances of both the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister, but Michael's opponent, Rhodri Morgan, has shown determination in the protracted campaign for the post and enjoys popular grassroots support. As if the poor turn-out at his own showcase meeting were not bad enough for Michael, elsewhere in the same building (the Newport Civic Centre), members of the Newport West Constituency Labour Party voted 23-3 to back Rhodri Morgan as their

the Liberal Democrats' spring conference in Edinburgh next March suggests that ordinary Lib Dem Party members should elect a panel of potential nominees to the House of Lords and that the party's leader, Paddy Ashdown, would then choose the final nominees from that panel. The motion is bound to cause controversy. When Pandora spoke to the leader of the Lib Dem peers, Lord Rodgers, he sounded a warning: "It is entirely premature to mess with areas like this in the current climate, where one cannot predict what will happen. There may not be any more Liberal Democrat peers in the future."

choice of assembly leader.

A MOTION to be debated at

THE NEW Penguin Book of Art Writing mistakenly acknowledges the "late RB Kitaj", and thus puts a macabre twist on an old art world tale. Kitaj, a leading member of the school of London with



harboured a notorious hatred of art critics after his 1994 retrospective at the Tate Gallery was panned. The hurt caused was augmented when, later that year, Kitaj's wife died. Kitaj proclaimed of his critics: "They tried to kill me. They got her instead." Two years later Kitaj's *The Critic* Kills was exhibited at the Royal Academy, a testimony to his accusation. A Penguin spokeswoman told Pandora that "apologies have been issued to those concerned".

THE BACKLASH against Alanis Morissette (pictured) has found itself a focus. For those tiring of the Canadian songstress's angst-ridden lyrics, why not try the Alanis Morissette Lyric Generator (www.brunching.com)? This Internet gizmo allows the user to punch in a list of their own hang-ups and have them turned into a new set of lyrics accompanied by Alanis's music. It is the idea of one David Neilsen who dreamt it up after buying Morrissette's latest album, Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie. Neilsen tells Entertainment Weekly: "After I listened to it, I thought she should pay me for a therapy session. If I could have just one result from this, it would be that Alanis would say: 'Hmm, maybe I will just get over it."

PANDORA ENTERS the second week of the Tony Banks vigil. Despite the publication of The Wit and Wisdom of Tony Banks, the opinion of the great man on this work has been sadly lacking. Further excerpts are obviously required: "I got pretty pissed at university and I've never been pissed like that since. Over the years as an MP your tolerance builds up. I'm hardened. I'm no hairshirt socialist. I like to relax and I like relaxing with a drink."

FOR THOSE concerned that the European issue might be hard to explain to voters at any future referendum, Pandora has the

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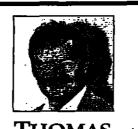
integration can be easy is this note to a European Commission directive on employee involvement: "The Commission's view is that, quite apart from the intrinsic dimension represented by the actual impact of a given Community action, the question as to whether an action is consistently with the principle of subsidiarity must be seen in the light of its merit in terms of the context, objectives and actual content of the proposed rule, to establish whether in fact that action is necessary to achieve the objective of the Treaty."

# Get used to the meddling Germans,

HURRICANE OSKAR has come and gone, but there is little evidence that the damage it inflicted on the British public has met with particular sympathy or even attention in the 'near abroad" - that is, continental Europe. Germans, for one, are too busy figuring out what Oskar Lafontaine, Oskar the Ominous, is up to at home never mind his exploits beyond.

The lean and hungry man from Saarbrücken, who has found being German finance minister an unorthodox route to stardom, seems about as deft at diplomacy as Lady Macbeth would have been at nursing. But while it may be alright to barge forward within your own family in the Lafontaine fashion, we used to be more circumspect when

our neighbour's turf was involved. Not so any more. Why, members of the German government last week not only rubbed a couple of natural allies in Westminster up the wrong way, they were also, so it would appear, totally oblivious of their own head of state travelling to the sceptr'd isle at the same time the first state visit to the United Kingdom by a German president in



### **THOMAS KIELINGER**

You ain't seen nothing. In the new Europe, everyone's business will be everyone else's

11 years. No tacit agreement seems to have been in place beforehand to give their own president a bit of a breathing space for the short duration of his trip to Britain.

Lafontaine's interventions and the subsequent communiqué at the Franco-German summit, combined Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's ruminations a day later ("I must stress that the finance

minister has the backing of the government") made predictably sure that this particular state visit was practically dead on arrival. Maybe that is just as well. Maybe that's the way these rituals will go in the ever-closer Europe we are building. Where is the sovereignty that used to lend meaning to the stately act of ceremonial exchanges

Maybe what I called the obliviousness of the German government to their own country's presidential schedule was no more than an honest comment by the powers-that-be about the true nature of our relations while the brave new Europe is emerging into full view. For we no longer treat each other as countries entitled to the diplomacy of kid- gloves and closed doors. We can't afford to.

In fact, the Amsterdam Treaty we all signed up to entails a complete departure from the old world of international relations, the "mindyour-own-business" culture resonant with assurances that we would not interfere in the internal affairs of another country (that principle is fast being eroded where human

rights is concerned, and rightly so). That, to me, is the real story behind the Lafontaine broukaha of the last few weeks. We do mind each other's business all the time now, perish the thought. We intervene constantly in the affairs of our neighbours, it has become the divine right of European politics. It's all in the family. So, perhaps, we might as well stop getting so het up about it and look the unpleasant truth squarely in the face. When you forge a common currency it is natural to think, for example, that the policies of Italy or Belgium become too important for everyone's budgetary

Belgians alone. It was Germany that first brought this state of affairs to Europe wide attention when, under Helmut Kohl's stewardship, it drove the EU to distraction with its insistence on an absolutist definition of monetary stability as a prerequisite giving up the vaunted Deutschmark for the Euro.

concerns to be left to the Italians or

The fact that the new government seems to have moved dramatically away from this priority, paying more attention instead to job creation policies and a (hoped for) more politically amenable European Central Bank does not alter the nature of the game. Get set and get on people's nerves. We are all in one boat now, and berating laggards, not to mention governments that, with their veto, want to stop the rest of the EU from integrating as it pleases has become the new rule by which we play in the Premier League of neo-interventionism.

You ain't seen nothing yet. In the new Europe everyone's business will be everyone else's. This must be a particularly bitter pill to swallow for an island people proudly independent for over 900 years. All we can hope for is that Europeans, while they are building a culture of constant encroachment on each other's sensitivities, do not lose their sportsmanship into the bargain. That, I am sure, is easier said than done. It would be a disaster if, by getting ever closer, we ultimately end up being too close for comfort. The Lafontaine episode makes me wonder.

Thomas Kielinger is the UK correspondent for 'Die Welt'

# The strange story of the ambassador's missing letter

THIS INCIDENT took place in a Third World country with which the United Kingdom has close relations. When I first read the full report of the Parliamentary Ombudsman, I guessed that it was in the Middle East, probably not Saudi Arabia, but a neighbour. At all events the work which a British company did for the government of this country was considered so important that our ambassador at the time made it his business to keep in close touch. He was wont to remind the chief executive that "the British embassy, under successive ambassadors, has played a major role in establishing and maintaining the company's position in this country".

Unfortunately, an employee, who will have to be called "Mr X", must have believed - naturally enough that the two entities, his company and the British Government, were quite separate. If he wanted to protest about the British Government's actions as they affected him, he could do so quite freely. When he made a complaint to the British consul he cannot have guessed that he would lose his job as a result.

Mr X had been annoyed that he was charged a fee for a letter of introduction required by another consulate in order to be issued with a tourist visa. He found the person with whom he dealt officious, unhelpful and rude. He couldn't think why the consulate didn't employ more British staff, such as the wives of British employees in the area. On 20 April 1994, he wrote to the British consul about these matters, and delivered his letter by hand to the consul's residence. He must have felt. that if he had posted his letter in the normal way, a minor official would have kept it away from the consul, and he would have received a pro

Six weeks passed. There was no



### **ANDREAS** WHITTAM **SMITH**

The state never explains. never apologises, and its high servants won't be denied their rewards

reply. Afterwards, the consul said that he had not been able to trace the letter and that he had not received it at his house. How often key documents disappear when there is trouble. The police lose them, government departments mislay them and, typically it turned out, as we learnt last week, that the producer of the documentary, into which Carlton TV's management carried out an investigation, destroyed evidence.

On 1 June an exasperated Mr X wrote to the ambassador saving he had received neither an acknowledgement nor a reply to his letter, and repeated his complaint. This time there was action. The embassy asked the consul for his comments so that the ambassador could reply. He told Mr X he was sorry that he had been disappointed by the consulate, his letter could have gone astray, and that the consul would be glad to see him. Impeccable. Except that the ambassador's

letter was unaccountably delayed in the post. Had it arrived more

promptly, Mr X would almost certainly have kept his job and the ambassador would have kept his reputation, Dispatched on 18 June. it still hadn't reached Mr X by 28 June. He wrote again to the ambassador, a bit more tartly this time, but the tone remained polite. The ambassador was stung. He became angry. Goodness knows how he behaves when a real crisis blows up.

Quite improperly the ambassador wrote to Mr X's chief executive, saying that Mr X's tone was "pretty aggravating", and added that he assumed "he was not paying the income tax which enables HMG to maintain representation here". On the same day he wrote to Mr X, saying his "intemperate" letter of 28 June must have crossed in the post with his own letter.

his temper over what remained, in that the tone of the ambassador's the ambassador concerned and to all its aspects, a trivial matter. Is it the hot climate which does something to these fellows, making them behave as if they were potentates themselves? Poor Mr X was asked a series of aggressive questions: why had he gone direct to the consulate rather than through the company; by whose authority had he written his letters; what business was it of his how the ambassador and the Government decided to run the consulate; had he been aware of the likely effect of his actions on the reoutation of the company? Two days later, he was forced out. Mr X alleges that he was told that if he did not resign immediately, there was every chance that he would be dismissed, thus losing all his benefits.

Not easily cowed, Mr X returned home, and in 1995 asked his Member of Parliament to take up his case. When an explanation was sought by the Foreign Office, the ambassador was completely unrepentant. However, we now know what Foreign Of-



Sir David Gore-Booth, High Commissioner in India

The chief executive likewise lost fice officials thought. One minuted for the Foreign Secretary: to identify second letter had been "uncalled for". Another official called what had occurred "unfortunate". The then Permanent Under-Secretary thought the company had over-reacted. The Foreign Office's legal advisor commented that the ambassador's decision to write to the chief executive had been "impetuous. ill-judged and unwise".

What, then, took place next? Did Mr X receive a letter of apology from the Foreign Office and an offer of compensation? Did the ambassador find that further promotion was denied him; did he fail to receive a knighthood when he expected one?

No, none of these things happened. Perhaps this is the most appalling aspect of the story. Ministers were caused to write anodyne replies to the MP disclaiming any responsibility for Mr X's misfortune. And the ambassador was duly promoted and became Sir David. I can say this last with near certainty because on Friday, Mr X's MP tabled two questions

inquire why Sir David Gore-Booth, now High Commissioner in India (but who is leaving at the end of the year) and formerly ambassador to Saudi Arabia, resigned.

There are two lessons here, one to be learnt anew and one free which I take encouragement. first is that the State never explains, never apologises, never allows anything to interrupt the steady progress of its high servants, who will prevail and won't be denied their rewards. Ministers rarely challenge this. But successive MPs for Mr X did fight his cause tenaciously. The parliamentary ombudsman was brought in and obtained the apology and financial compensation which Mr X deserved. And even after that, Mr X's present MP, Andrew Mackinlay, went the further, necessary step with his questions to the Foreign Secretary. Parliament checked the power of the State. That is the second lesson. In all its aspects, this is a textbook case.

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# Time to kill off some bad museums

museums. Throughout the developed world and increasingly in the developing world the demand for museums has never been greater. When one considers that the notion of the public museum is more than 250 years old, this should give us reassurance. Museums are an enduring part of our civilisation. And the central purpose of the museum, in its underlying essentials, has hardly changed. We hold collections and reveal them to our audiences. Museums are about objects and for people, as they have always been.

The enthusiasm of the British public for museums is currently being demonstrated in a programme of capital investment larger than anything that has taken place in our lifetimes, and possibly ever before. No central strategy lies behind it; on the contrary, it is born out of fortuitous circumstance and driven as much by the ambitions of providers as by the ex-

plicit desires of users. The pattern of that investment reflects the two current worldwide infatuations: for new museums of contemp- quality, with exemplary and

THE WORLD wants orary art - in Bankside and Walsall, for example; and for interactive science - through new science centres in Birmingham, Bristol, Glasgow, Leicester, and Newcastle-

upon-Tyne. This capital investment reflects, too, the initial Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) commitment to respond to the needs of museums. That commitment was made despite the fact that there was no underlying strategy and that HLF has little or no ability to intervene proactively in determining who should or should not apply and thereby benefit. In the absence of anything else, HLF has de facto assumed the role of policy-maker. It has been refreshingly catholic in dispensing its favours, especially to museums of modest size and means, many of which are represented here this evening. That, we understand, will continue. It has put real investment into the history of ordinary people, industrial history and archaeology, social

history and museums of local

communities. That has never

happened before. It has set a



PODIUM **NEIL COSSONS** From a lecture by the

president of the Association of Independent Museums at the Bank of England

forthright demands for good

If museums have any real

claim on a right to permanence.

building design.

I believe passionately that we need and always will need new museums. But we need even more to kill off a few old ones and we have no mechanism for achieving that. More important still, we have to be nfident that we can support the growing family at something above subsistence level.

no means of renewing themselves. New Metropolis in Amsterdam, Europe's newest science centre, hovers on the edge of closure because there is no visible means of support. Despite what many of you may think, it is relatively easy to raise capital for a new mus-

museums themselves have yet

to articulate that claim in a

to Britain. Several of those

grands projets we love to

quote, when we think Paris

does it better, are in crisis over

running costs. Science centres

in the US fail because they have

This is not an issue peculiar

cogent manner.

eum project, even in a lotteryfree zone. The myth is that the running costs will look after themselves. In more than 12 years as director of the Science Museum I have had literally dozens of enthusiastic groups entering my office to tell me about their beautiful ideas. Fewer than 10 per cent had the slightest concept of the realities of life after the tape had been cut at the opening.

Here is another myth: "museums are in the hands of unaccountable incompetents

it has still to be recognised and who couldn't run a sweet understood. More important, shop." There are, of course, such people in such places, but they are now the exception. The quality of the best museum governance in Britain is as good as if not better than any in the world. There is a real issue here which none of us should ignore. On 29 June I attended the seminar chaired by the Prime Minister at No 10 for influential figures from the arts". One moment in particular stuck in my memory,

if only because the key statement was repeated at least three times during the afternoon. Leaning across the table to face the godfathers of the arts world with unblinking gaze Tony Blair said, and I paraphrase, "you don't need to persuade me of your excellence but you do need to show me that you are efficient." Good museums have noth-

ing to fear from what will be the increasingly contractual nature of their relationships with funding bodies or sponsoring de-partments. We need to protect the diversity of museums' provision, to draw from it best practice and to apply it liberally and

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# Kebabs and Wilde totty



JOHN WALSH

Ah, the exquisite Richard Littlejohn,' he would murmur, 'the ineffable in pursuit of the unsayable'

THE SUN has come out as an Oscarist. In the most unusual alliance since Vince Hill sang "Say You'll Stay" to the theme from the overture to Wagner's Tannhauser, the nation's foremost mouthpiece of homophobic philistinism has declared its natural affinity with Oscar Wilde. Ruminating on the unveiling of the Irish playwright's monument in London last week, the Currant Bun opined: "Oscar Wilde's writing genius lives on 98 years after his death. He has finally got a memorial in this country. The Sun says: About time too. He may have been one of them but we reckon he was also one of us. He would have loved The Sun." Now that they're such fans, will the newspaper embrace his

But would he really have loved The Sun? You can imagine him, can't you, sitting among the plush banquettes of the Cafe Royal at one in the morning, toying with a hockand-seltzer, eyeing the talent at the bar, languidly leafing through the early edition of his favourite journal, kindly brought along by Robbie Ross. "The exquisite Littlejohn," he would murmur, "the ineffable in pursuit of the unsayable..." How he would enjoy the punning headlines. the saliva-drenched telly review, the violent partisanship. And it would, perhaps, give him a few ideas...

The scene: Algernon Moncrieff's flat in Half Moon Street. LANE is arranging afternoon tea on the table. Enter ALGERNON.

Algernon: Ah. Lane. See the match last night? I thought Dublin played a blinder.

Lone: I missed it, sir. I was engaged in procuring bacon sandwiches at the Get Stuffed All-Nite Grub emporium, for your tea with Lady chafing-dish.

Algernon: Shame. It was Villa what won it Though the word "villa" hardly conveys the scale of their genius. I see them more as a country mansion with spectacular wings. Did we consume much last

Lane: Eight bottle of champagne, a case of claret, two crates of Newcastle Brown, and some Irn Bru. Exernon: Did Mr Evans and Mr sascoigne get home all right?



Class act: would Dorothy Tutin and Joan Greenwood, in the 1952 film of 'The Importance of Being Earnest', have been avid readers of the Currant Bun?

Lane: I believe they took a hansom cab to Marcel's Absinthe 'n' Kebab Den at dawn. I was awakened by the sounds of prodigious micturition in the shrubbery.

Algernon: A pity Samantha and Denise couldn't stand the pace. (Wistfully) They were lovely girls, so innocent and ethereal yet so - so

mad for it. Lane: They were, indeed, what is commonly known as Top Tottie, sir. Algernon: Don't agree with me, Lane. When people agree with me I always feel that I must be wrong.

Lane: Leave it out, sir. (Erits.) Enter LADY BRACKNELL and

GWENDOLEN. Lady Bracknell: Good afternoon, dear Algernon. See EastEnders with Ricky and Bian-caaaah, then.

(Laughs raucously.) Algernon: I am more concerned, dear aunt, about that Grant Mitchell, and the new bird in the square. His intentions may not, I fear, be honourable.

Lady Bracknell: I'm sorry if we are a little late. Algernon. I was obliged to speak with Mr Max Clifford about the Sunday Sport. They appeared to have gained some awkward intelligence about my shame at the three-in-a-bed romps with the Reverend Chasuble and Merriman the butler.

Algernon: What advice did Mr Clifford offer? Lady Bracknell: He suggested that I tell the News of the World I was

happy to initiate a debate on the parlous state of modern marriage. Algernon (reflectively): The marital state is, like any other state, open to periods of misgovernment. What

happens in parlours, on the other hand... Lady Bracknell: Don't talk bollocks, Algernon. Have you any

crumpets? Algernon: Here you are. (Offers plate.) I do enjoy a nice bit of crumpet.

Gwendolen: Don't get me wrong. I see glamour stepping-stone to a career on the Enter LANE classical stage or as an ambassador for World Peace.

Algernon (sotto voce): I love you, overpowering. My love for you is as true as the wind, as deep as the ocean, as vast as the mountains... Gwendolen: Mountains? Are you suggesting I've had a Boob Job to Enhance my Assets?

Algernon: Let me take you away. We could get married in Paris. I could show you the Eiffel Tower. Gwendolen: I know the Eyeful you're after. I don't get my kit off for a cent under five grand.

Algernon (kneeling): Marry me. Gwendolen, and I promise to relinquish My Drugs Hell and buy you a posh three-bedroomed home in leafy Ruislip. I assure you I am perfectly sincere.

Gwendolen: A little sincerity is a dangerous thing, and a great deal of it is absolutely fatal.

Algernon: But my darling... Gwendolen: I don't trust you. I fear you may be a Love Rat who will dump me for Steamy Sessions with fun-loving Mandy, 17.

Lady Bracknell (returning): Rise, sir, from that semi-recumbent posture. It is most indecorous.

Lane: Mr Jack Worthing.

Gwendolen. My passion for you is Jack: It's Jazza, actually. How are you, Al-boy? Algernon: My dear chap, what brings you up to town? Jack: I had tickets for the Palace

> Algernon: Did we win? Jack: Regrettably, they stuffed us, three nil. Got any cucumber

sandwiches? Or falling that, some meat pies? Lane: I'll see if there are some porky

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scratchings in the pantry. Algernon: Mega. Jack, allow me to introduce Lady Bracknell and her daughter, Gwendolen.

Lady Bracknell: Under no circumstances may you address me as Ladv Brazza

Jack: How do you do? See Corrie last night? That Ken Barlow should be given a good kicking. Phoooar, hello darling. You're a lovely girl. Bit. of a stunna, as we used to say. How

old are you? Lady Bracknell: One should never trust a woman who tells one her real age. A woman who would tell one that would tell one anything.

Jack: I sought to establish your

to casting her in a cinematographic entertainment in which I am involved. It is entitled Kerri-Ann Does Kensington. It is a video. Lady Bracknell: I see. (Laughs.) Literally.

Gwendolen: I'm afraid I don't have experience in anything really Jack: Experience is merely the

name everyone gives to their mistakes, darlin'.

to carry on. My daughter is a young person of unbesmirchable virtue.

Jack: If you play ball with us, Lady B. there could be a bung in it for you. Lady Bracknell: A bung? Do you refer to some form of bath plug? Jack: It's a bribe. That is the sort of man I am, you see. Lady Bracknell, I am a little bit whaay, I am a little bit whoah. I am a little

bit tasty. Lady Bracknell: And where am I to receive 'his... this bung? Jack: I'll leave it for you in the hall-

way downstairs. Lady Bracknell: But where in the hallway downstairs?

Jack: In a handbag. Lady Bracknell: A handbag? Jack: Come on, Gwen. A few sher-

introduce you to some of my gentlemen associates. (They exit). Algernon copening can of Tennant's Extral: There is only one

thing worse than being shafted by the media, and that is being completely ignored by the media. (Drinks reflectively.) Lady Bracknell: You couldn't make

Lady Bracknell: I cannot allow this Curtain

## RIGHT OF REPLY

**PETER** BOND



The science adviser to the Royal Astronomical Society answers Charles Arthur

THE INTERNATIONAL Space Station (ISS) has become a target for disgruntled scientists and hostile commentators who dismiss it as a "waste of space". What are the grounds for this strident criticism?

First, that it is years behind schedule. Yet bardly any major international projects involving advanced technology have been delivered on time. The Eurofighter is an example.

Second, that there is no guarantee that it will produce any money-spinning breakthroughs. If the 15th-century explorers had adopted the same attitude, Christopher Columbus would never have ventured forth from the safe, charted waters of the Mediterranean. As the scientist Saunders Kramer has commented, We'll find 10,000 things to do on the station that nobody's thought of or even imagined.

Third, that it is a PR exercise. It is undoubtedly true that Nasa actively seeks to promote the advantages of its manned and unmanned programmes, but this can hardly be a crime for an agency that depends for funds on the support of politicians and the public.

Fourth, that it was the dream child of Ronald Reagan. In fact, an American space station was envisaged back in the late Sixties. Indeed, the space shuttle was originally intended to act as a supply ship for such a station.

Fifth. that the station is unsafe. Not a single astronaut has died in action since years ago. Risk-taking is necessary for progress. The ISS is a unique opportunity to exploit near-Earth space. It provides jobs, boosts technological development and will lead to unforeseen spin-offs. Spread over 15 years, the cost per person is equivalent to less than one lottery ticket per year. Let's build the monster and then see where it leads us.

# The deluded prophet

ENOCH POWELL died only nine months ago, but here, already, is the authorised biography. Over the previous 30 years, since he shot to notoriety with his nfamous "rivers of blood" speech in 968, he had already been the subject of more biographies than any political figure who was not prime minister. The last, by Robert Shepherd, was the first to draw on the Conservative Party archive and the Public Record Office. But Shepherd, like all previous biographers, still ducked the real problem of Powell's intellectual formation. No one will really explain Powell until they can make sense of his bizarre compound of classical literature, German Romanticism and Christianity.

Simon Heffer, with a life of Carlyle to his credit, is better qualified than most to meet this challenge; and in his early chapters he makes a decent fist of it, describing the influence of Housman (both nas exacting critic and Romantic poet); and of Nietzsche's atheism (never quite overlaid by Powell's subsequent conversion). Unfortunately, once launched into politics he loses sight of this thread,



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treating Powell as just another politician which he was not. Heffer's second great asset is Powell's own papers. But these turn out to

be less revealing than expected. Powell's letters to his - surely bewildered? - parents, from Cambridge, from Sydney (where he was professor of Greek at 25) and during the war, do shed light on his emerging beliefs and ambitions. Other correspondence reveals two intensely homoerotic relationships which inspired Powell's tamely Housmanesque verse, and fills out the story of his comically misconceived pursuit of his first female love (a jolly hunting girl, who

very sensibly refused him). Here again, the early chapters are the

MONDAY POEM

TO A FAT LADY SEEN FROM A TRAIN: TRIOLET

BY FRANCES CORNFORD

O why do you walk through the fields in gloves,

Missing so much and so much?

O fat white woman whom nobody loves,

Why do you walk through the fields in gloves,

When the grass is soft as the breast of doves

And shivering-sweet to the touch?

O why do you walk through fields in gloves.

Missing so much and so much?

Our poems this week come from 'Field Days', edited by Angela King

and Sue Clifford for Common Ground (Common Ground, £8.95).

Frances Comford's 'Selected Poems' are published by Enitharmon Press

best. When it comes to politics, the papers add remarkably little to the pub-

lished record. What Heffer does have is the text of every speech, article and letter Powell ever wrote, and these he gives us in extenso. Powell, who believed that a politician lived by his words, would have approved; but the result is a monumental compilation: 960 pages of text. which is not only too long, but also relentlessly chronological and largely uncritical. This is more an exhaustive chronicle than a reflective biography. It is a heroic saga reminiscent of Michael Foot on Bevan (without the purple prose) or AJP Taylor on Beaverbrook (without the epigrams).

Heffer sees Powell unquestioningly as a prophet without honour for most of his life, who lived long enough to see his heresies accepted as the conventional wisdom. But this is a disciple's view. In truth the record is mixed.

On top of a hundred other contro-

versies, from nuclear deterrence to the authorship of Shakespeare, on which he took up stimulating but usually perverse positions, Powell devoted his life to three great causes; promoting free-market economics, reversing coloured immigration and opposing British integration with Europe. On the first, undeniably, he was the pathfinder for a counter-revolution in political economy. It was an astonishing utterly un-English. intellectual achievement by a selftaught economist, applying unsparing logic to the wishful illusions of collectivists and corporatists. He had some grounds for thinking he deserved the graphy of Margaret Thatcher

Nobel Prize as much as Milton Friedman. Yet he only predicted the counterrevolution; he did not cause it.

He was unquestionably courageous to highlight the potential social problem he saw developing in his constituency: but the apocalyptic way he did so was calculated to exacerbate tensions, not alleviate them. Powell gave every impression of wishing to see his grim prophecies of inevitable civil war fulfilled; but he was quite simply wrong to believe that "human nature" made racial assimilation impossible. Moreover, he never confronted the historic irony that immigration was only his beloved empire coming home to roost.

Finally, Powell was undoubtedly clear-sighted, from his British nationalist perspective, in drawing attention to the federalist implications of the Treaty of Rome long before anyone else recognised them.

He anticipated the arguments of the Nineties Europhobes at a time when they were all (Thatcher, Benn, Ridley, Lamont et al) enthusiastically pro-Europe. But the fact that others have picked up his arguments does not make them right. The momentum towards integration is irresistible, and the British electorate - though it is instinctively insular - does not in the last resort share his mystical belief in the

uniqueness of England. Asked in 1982 if he was a Christian, Poweli replied: "I am an Anglican". Even his avowed religion was subordinate to his exalted sense of nationhood. But it is dangerous nonsense to make the nation state the highest human value. Fortunately, the British do not believe any such thing. The ultimate paradox of Powell is that he who thought himself so English was in his fanaticism

JOHN CAMPBELL

The reviewer is the biographer of Edward Heath and is now writing a bio-



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# John Hanson

Morecambe, the comedian was in cracking form. Bespectacled Eric looked Hanson up and down and said, "Left your camel in the car park, have you?" Everyone laughed; everyone understood, for John Hanson was the swashbuckling hero of The Desert Song.

He was born John Watts, in Oshawa, Ontario, in 1922, to English parents. When he was three the family moved to England, where John was educated at Dumfries Academy. His headmaster recognised his talent as a boy soprano and recommended him to the Scottish Broadcasting Corporation. It was there that he made his début, at the age of 12. He was offered a scholarship to the Milan Conservatoire, but the Second World War put paid to that. For the rest of his life Hanson regretted losing that chance to become an operatic tenor.

During the war he served in the RAF but was invalided out. He sang for the troops and was offered a long-term singing engagement but his father insisted he follow another career path - a proper job. So he qualified and worked as an engineer.

His father was a test driver for Donald Campbell and thus close to the racing scene, Hanson acquired a love of beautiful cars, which he drove at high speed at all times. He gave his first professional performance at Birmingham Town Hall, in 1946. Two years later he featured in Variety Bandbox and Songs From The Shows.

In 1948 Hanson married Brenda petite and pretty blonde, with a twinkling laugh. Although by nature a very private man, as he became more famous he was persuaded by Brenda to meet the demands for interviews, which he hated, especially with the spectacular journalist Jean Rook of the Daily Express. (He described her as "lethal".) After that interview it was Brenda, as

WHEN JOHN Hanson met Eric usual, who sent the journalist a bouquet of flowers and a note of thanks, signed "John Hanson".

Brenda arranged all his itineraries and always travelled with him. Together, they brought up two delightful children, Stella, now Head of Radio Two, and John Jor, a brilliant lawyer. John Hanson loved his family. In summer seasons, during the school holidays, he would bundie them all (hamsters included) into the family car and take them to whatever resort he was playing. At other times, after each week's show he would drive all night in order to spend time with them and tend his beloved flowers and garden at their beautiful Weybridge home.

Whenever he went shopping girls rushed from behind their counters to mob their idol

Hanson was best known for his performance as the Red Shadow in The Desert Song, which led to his being dubbed "the last of the matinee idols". He and his friend and fellow actor, Clifford Mollison, each put up £2,000 to put The Desert Song on, and it opened at the Opera House in Manchester in 1957. It was a gam-Stokes (it was love at first sight), a ble for both of them. "Pop" had taken over and musicals had declined. The show, however, was an imme-

Although scheduled to run for only 12 weeks, their tour of the provinces lasted 10 months. After the success of the original Desert Song, Hanson toured with The Student Prince (1959), The Vagabond King (1960), Maid of the Mountains (1964)



The last of the matinee idols': Hanson in The Student Prince at the Cambridge Theatre in London, 1968

and The World of Ivor Novello (1965). Always, he concentrated on the provinces where he formed his own company. In 1966 he starred in When You're Young, for which he wrote the book and lyrics. He revived the Desert Song many times but it wasn't until 1968 that this serious, ambitious man achieved every actor's dream. He took the show to the West End and, gambling again that it would succeed, invested his own money. It did; it was a huge success. "Tve waited 20 years to get into

Coincidentally, Topol was playing in Fiddler on the Roof at Her Majesty's Theatre. The cartoonists

rive like this."

the West End and it's very nice to ar-

had a field day with the "Arab Red Shadow" and "The Jew".

The Desert Song was succeeded at the Cambridge Theatre by The Student Prince. Again, the shows were presented, in Blackpool, for the summer seasons of 1969 and 1970. For the next decade Hanson toured in romantic musicals: Liloc Time. The Dancing Years and Glamorous

There were concert performances too, at the Festival Hall and the Albert Hall. He appeared many times in pantomime, usually as Robin Hood. He broadcast more than 1,400 times and made 21 LPs (winning a Golden Disc in 1977). The Student Prince alone sold more

than 300,000 copies. His autobiography, Me and My Red Shadow, was published in 1980.

Hanson's career as a singer made him a household name. With his chiselled good looks, black hair and glorious voice, he always had a flapper following. Whenever he went shopping girls rushed from behind their counters to mob their idol. Even the middle-aged ladies quening at the stage door went weak at the knees at the sight of

He lived as he drove, at full throttle. He was a highly strung, but compassionate man, who lived for his work and family. His last public performance was at St Paul's, the ac-

tors' church, at the service of thanksgiving for his long-time friend Clifford Mollison. He sang the "Goodbye" song from The White Horse Inn. a song which Mollison had sung in 1936 at the Coliseum and with which he was forever associated. The congregation were so moved that, unanimously, they rose and gave John Hanson a standing ovation.

AVRIL MOLLISON

John Watts (John Hanson), actor and singer: born Oshawa, Canada 31 August 1922; married 1948 Brenda Stokes (one son, one daughter): died Shepperton, Surrey 3 Decem-

But his father's political caree

If Al Junior, Washington-born

and Harvard-educated, retains only

a faint veneer of rural Tennessee, his

father exuded it from every pore. As

befitted a man whose primary edu-

cation was in a one-room shack

school in a hamlet rejoicing in the

name of Opossum Hollow, he took his

hillbilly style to Capitol Hill - some-

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ings, Al Gore replied, "Well, if they

get hard pressed and want a hillbil-

ly speech, I might be able to deliv-

Asked during the 1992 campaign

a short interlude on the fiddle.

the greasy pole.

er one or two."

# Mikio Oda

IN HIS book A World History of Track and Field Athletics (1964), Roberto Quercetani, then president of the Association of Track and Field Statisticians, described Mikio Oda as "the pioneer champion of Japanese athletics. Few athletes, if any, have made a greater contribution to the advancement of athletics in their own country."

Oda became the first Asian to win an Olympic gold medal when he triumphed in the 1928 triple jump competition in Amsterdam, paving the way for a Japanese domination of that event which led to further gold medals for them in 1932 and 1936.

He first competed as a schoolboy at the Games of 1924, when he finished a creditable sixth in a strong field. "During that great Olympic final in Paris he gathered many useful hints," Quercetani wrote. And:

After returning home he worked more and After returning nome in worker into each more assiduously to develop his potential. In doing so he acted as an eye-opener in making his countrymen realise fully their natural vocation for the jumping events.

He was born near Hiroshima in 1905. For a triple-jumper Oda was small in stature, but what he lacked in length of stride he more than made up for with incredibly sturdy legs that gave him extra "spring" between the three phases of the discipline. His build also helped him withstand the strains the event places on knees and ankles.

Oda was a fine all-round jumper who set national records in the long high jump, and after graduating from Waseda University in Tokyo he worked as a sports writer for Aschi, Japan's leading national newspaper. In October 1931, in the same city. he set a world triple jump record of 15.58m, but early in 1932 he was injured and was unable to perform at his best in the Los Angeles Olympics.



A fine all-round jumper

For a time Oda was a professor in the athletics department of his old university and after the war was appointed as national coach to the . Japanese Olympic team, a position he held until the Tokyo Games of 1964. The pole that bore the Olympic flag throughout those Games was 15.21m high in honour of Oda's winning mark in Amsterdam 36 years earlier.

In the Fifties he became a founding member of the International Track and Field Coaches Association, as well as the ATFS. Every year since 1967 the Oda Memorial Meeting in. Hiroshima has been held on 29 April, a national holiday in Japan.

ADAM SZRETER

Mikio Oda, athlete, athletics administrator: born Hiroshima prefecture, Japan 30 March 1905; married (two sons); died Kamakura, Japan 2 December 1998.

# Albert Gore Snr

dynasties, and history may yet rank Albert Gore Senior as the founder of no small one of his

He was a Democratic Congressman and Senator from Tennessee of considerable distinction. His son Albert Junior followed in his footsteps, before being elected as Bill Clinton's Vice-President in 1992. 20-year gap. Quickly Gore emerged There remains a good chance as a rare liberal among the mostly though perhaps not as good as a couple of years ago; that the elder Gore will posthumously find himself the father of the 43rd President of the United States.

The Gores were a quintessential settler family who travelled west across the Appalachians after America's independence, clearing land for a farm. "They started chopping timber." Albert Sr once remarked: "I still chop a little now and then when my fences need mending."

His entry into politics owed a good deal to fortune. Defeated in 1931 in his first bid for public office - the post of superintendent of schools in Smith County Tennessee, Gore returned to the family farm. But a year later the man who defeated him died, and Gore was nominated to the

He would not let a chance slip twice. After completing a night-

AMERICAN POLITICS revels in its class law course in Nashville, he be came the state's labour commissioner before being elected to the House of Representatives in

> made his most lasting mark. Gore was elected in 1952, as Dwight Eisenhower recaptured the White House for the Republicans after a neanderthal southern Democrats. He opposed McCarthyism, and in 1956 he was one of only three Senators from the region (the others were Lyndon Johnson and his fellow Tennesseean Estes Kefauver) to vote against the so-called "Southern Manifesto" opposing racial desegregation.

That year Gore was tipped as a possible Vice-Presidential running mate for Adlai Stevenson - as indeed he was briefly for John F. Kennedy in 1960. But his positions were often too liberal for the south, the main reason for having him on the ticket in the first place.

He came from the fringes of the

But it was as a Senator that he

Bible Belt, but was an opponent of compulsory prayers in public schools. He advocated stricter gun laws, and fought the development of anti-ballistic missiles. Most courageously of all, he opposed American gressive candidate and conservative



The beginning of a political dynasty: the two Albert Gores, father and son

involvement in what he called "the electorate would prove fatal. In morass of Vietnam", to the fury of Presidents Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon.

Eventually and inevitably however, the contrast between pro-

1970, when he was seeking a fourth term in the Senate, Gore found himself in one of the nastiest campaigns in Tennessee history against William Brock, who triumphed by mocking Gores's support of civil

rights and his criticism of the Viet-

So unpleasant were proceedings that Al Jr. whose ambitions were plain from his earliest years, briefly decided to pursue a different line of RUPERT CORNWELL

Albert Gore, politician: born Granville, Tennessee 26 December 1907; married 1937 Pauline La Fon (one son, and one daughter deceased); died Carthage. Tennessee 5 December 1998.

# Sir Charles Bennett

CHARLES BENNETT once said: "I am a Maori because I feel like a Maori. I am also glad to be known as a New Zealander. Like most Maori of my generation, my ancestral heritage is very precious to me." He was not only one of the most outstanding New Zealanders of his generation but was a trailblazer for his people, succeeding in many areas at a time when Maoris rarely made it to the top.

The second Maori to go to Oxford, he was the first of his race to head a diplomatic mission overseas, serving as High Commissioner to the Federation of Malaya 1959-63, and the first to head a major political party, being president of the Labour Party in the 1970s.

One of New Zealand's most distinguished soldiers, he rose through the ranks to command the 28th Maori Battalion with the 2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force in the North African campaign, and was awarded the Distinguished Service Order in Tunisia in 1943.

He then had an equally distinguished career in the New Zealand civil service, specialising in developing welfare and education policies for his people as Assistant Secretary of the Maori Affairs Department.

Like many Maoris of his generation, he did not have an easy start to life. He was born in 1913, the secand eldest of 18 children of the Right Rev Frederick Bennett, the first Maori Anglican bishop. He was brought up by his maternal grandparents in what he later described as a typically poor, rural, Maori environment of the time. He started school in the tiny Bay of Plenty village of Maketu, and claimed that he hardly spoke a word of English until he was sent to the elite Te Aute Col-

lege for Maori boys at the age of 13. Three years later, he won a government scholarship to Christchurch Teachers' Training College, going on to Canterbury University where he graduated with a BA and Diploma in Education in 1938. He taught briefly and also worked as a

when the Second World War broke out. He rose rapidly from private to lieutenant-colonel, becoming the youngest battalion commander in the 2nd NZEF when he took over the Maori Battalion at the age of 29.

His spell in command was brief; he was seriously wounded when he stepped on a mine at the Battle of

radio announcer before enlisting graduating from Victoria University of Wellington in 1955 with an MA in history and a diploma in social sciences and two years later won a fellowship to Exeter College, Oxford, where he studied race relations.

In 1959, the Labour Prime Minister Walter Nash asked him to become New Zealand's High Commissioner to the new Federation of

man and laying a foundation for close bilateral relations between two countries that had only a British colonial background in common. Tunku was instrumental in 1964 in making Bennett the first non-Malay to be awarded a Malayan knighthood.

Back home again, he rejoined the Maori Affairs Department as assis-

He was the first Maori of more than half blood to take up the right to contest a general constituency seat rather than a Maori one

Takrouna, Tunisia, in April 1943. He was repatriated and spent three years in and out of hospital before joining the Maori Affairs Department in charge of Maori welfare. He was active in public life, serving on the State Literary Fund Board, the Prisons Parole Board and the Adult Education National Board.

Bennett also resumed his studies

Malaya, the first Maori to head a diplomatic mission and an appointment described at the time as "imaginative". When Labour lost the 1960 general election, the incoming conservative National Party asked Bennett to stay on and he remained in Kuala Lumpur until 1963, becoming s personal friend of the Malayan Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahuntil his retirement in 1971. He joined the Labour Party - later

explaining that "Maori communalism, for lack of a better word, orientates people towards socialism" - and stood for Parliament in the 1969 election. He was the first Maori of more than half blood to take up the newly legislated right to contest a general constituency seat rather than those reserved for Maori candidates and voters. He did not succeed in winning the

seat of his birthplace, Rotorua, but was elected vice-president of the party in 1970. He went on to became its first Maori president after being urged to put his name forward by the Labour Prime Minister of the day, Norman Kirk

Knighted in 1975 for services to the public, especially the Maori people, he remained active in Maori affairs into his eighties, retaining what one observer described as "immense dignity, courtesy and care". Three years ago he criticised the government for its proposal to put a NZ\$1bn cap on compensation for Maoris whose land was taken away by successive administrations. Speaking at a ceremony to honour Macris who had fought in two world wars, he asked: "If the events of today had been transferred to 1939, would we have volunteered?"

He was buried with full military honours and left a lasting impact on the New Zealand 26 November 1998.

army he served. Earlier this year, he gave a blessing to a new hake (originally a war dance, now used for ceremonial purposes) adopted by the army. And the New Zealand Defence Force has decided to change its and the army's official badge, which features two crossed swords, in his honour At Bennett's funeral, Lt-Gen Tony Birks, Chief of the Defence Force, announced that one of the swords will be replaced by a taiaha (a traditional Maori spear) to reflect the partnership between Maoris and pakeha (Europeans) in the forces.

DAVID BARBER

Charles Moihi Te Arawaka Bennett, soldier, diplomat, civil servant; born Rotorua, New Zealand 27 July 1913; DSO 1943; NZ High Commissioner to the Federation of Malaya 1959-63: Vice-President, NZ Labour Party 1970-73, President 1973-76; Kt 1975; married 1947 Elizabeth Stewart (one stepson, one stepdaughter); died Tauranga,

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# Deirdre Bland

DEIRDRE BLAND was a famous beauy and a beacon of style, both in herself and in the art gallery she ran in her home in Sussex in the 1970s and 1980s.

She was born Deirdre Hart-Davis in 1909. Her mother Sybil was the sister of Duff Cooper and the descendant of the Irish actress Mrs Jordan; as a great admirer of the Irish playwrights, she named Deirdre after Synge's "Deirdre of the Sorrows".

Deirdre's brother Rupert, two years her senior and later a distinguished publisher, declared of his sister. "I loved her from the moment she was born". As children they were drawn by Augustus John and painted by William Nicholson. Rupert's nickname for Deirdre was "Tow", her name for hair when a baby - hers was handsomely blond - and she called him Mit. As adults they exchanged letters once a week right up until she died.

Deirdre grew up into an extremely good-looking and commanding beanpole, nearly 6 ft tall; Cecil Beaton was among those who photographed her. She was married at the age of 19 to Ronald Balfour in Westminster Cathedral. He was considerably older than her, having been a midshipman at the Battle of Jutland. When the Second World War broke out he was employed at the Admiralty. After their flat in London was bombed they lived in the country; he was killed in a car accident on the way there when, after working all night, he fell asleep at

Deirdre then went with her two daughters Susan and Annabel to New York, where she worked in the British Information Services. Returning to London at the end of the war, she met and married her second husband, David Wolfers, who had been in a German PoW camp. It was at this time that her brother started his publishing firm, Rupert Hart-Davis.

Whether at her home in Chelsea or her cottage in Sussex, Deirdre entertained friends, many from the artistic world such as Gerald Barry, Hugh Casson and Lawrence Gowing. Her third husband, Anthony Bland, was an academic lawyer, and when in the Sixties he became Professor of Law at Sussex niversity they moved to a house near Lewes. Some years later he took up a professorship in Jamaica and they

Deirdre then moved into Lewes and started the Southover Gallery in her house, which she ran from 1973 to 1987. showing a number of artists including Duncan Grant, Quentin Bell, Julian Trevelyan, Mary Fedden, John Nash and cric Rolfe. A feather in her cap was the occasional invitation from Glyndebourne Opera to mount its fover summer art shows. The gallery made quite an impact in the community and connued for a time after Deirdre's marage to a local widower, William Inman. He nursed her devotedly when the advent of Parkinson's disease led her to give up the gallery, and she bore her illness for a number of years with great fortitude after his death.

DAVID WOLFERS

Deirdre kept her youthful spirit to the end, writes Graham Hughes. Even when she could barely speak after a stroke, and with the terrible debilita-

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

The Queen and The Duke

rvice for the Installation of

of Edinburgh attend the

Dean of Windsor, the

Right Reverend David Con-

ner, at St George's Chapel,

Windsor Castle; Princess Margaret also attends; The

Duke of Edinburgh, Hon-

orary Freeman and Livery-

Company of Coachmakers and Coach Harness Makers'

Christmas Reception at Armoury House, London

EC1. The Prince of Wales

attends the Royal Variety

Performance at the Lyceum

Theatre, London WC2. The

Princess Royal, Chancellor,

London University, visits

Firkbeck College, London

WC1 on the 175th Anniver-

sary of its foundation; The

Campaign, attends a Reception at St James's Palace to

mark the acceptance by Mr

John Major MP of the Presi-

dency of the Campaign. Princess Alexandra attends

a Celebration of Christmas

Concert in aid of the New Bridge at the Guards'

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CHANGING OF THE GUARD

**Duchess of Gloucester**, Patron, National Asthma

man, attends the Worshipful

tion of Parkinson's disease, her lively eye would suddenly flash with spirit and humour. She loved to hear about other people's lives from the prison of her bed.

Her house was always a haven to go into - full of warmth and colour and delightful objects. She had an artist's eye and delighted in anything beautiful, whether paintings, plants or pottery. She loved clothes too, a love which harked back to her dashing champagne days. She was a professional model in the 1930s when her first husband was a penniless champagne salesman. They could not afford the luxury meals which usually accompany that drink, so she used to say with a laugh that during those years her normal sustenance consisted of grand champagne with humble bread and butter.

She felt unloved by her mother, and had a lonely childhood, even spending a term in a nunnery. All this caused her to decide that animals were more reliable than grown-ups. But the family social life was quite a whirl, as her brother Rupert records with unpretentious charm in his biography of their mother, The Arms of Time (1979), which is dedicated to Deirdre.

Its pages are ornamented with some of the most glamorous names of the political, literary and artistic world, many of whom became lasting friends of Deirdre in later life, if only because they were more or less close relations -Asquiths, Cecil Day Lewis, Wyndham Lewis, Augustus John, Duncan Grant. the Keynes and Darwin families. Quentin and Vanessa Bell, Angelica Garnett, Ursula Mommens, Julian Trevelyan, Mary Fedden. Peggy Ashcroft, Paul Robeson, Diana and Duff Cooper.

A lovely link between Deirdre's literary and her artistic life, was her neighbour and great friend, the artist Trekkie Parsons. She had helped her husband at Chatto and Windus, which he founded, and Leonard and Virginia Woolf with the Hogarth Press, and used to have a "pillow conversation" by telephone with Deirdre every night, when they would discuss their experiences, recalling the frailties and quirks of their exceptional friends.



Deirdre photographed by Man Ray in c1930

come. In that capacity, she worked for the best couturiers like Molyneux, and was photographed by rising stars such as Man Ray in Paris in 1929 and 1930. So she was able to add to her family's rich cultural life another strand more personal to her, that of fashion.

She was a voracious reader, and her living room was lined with thousands of books. When you pulled one out of its shelf and started to discuss it with her,

She was a model in the 1930s when her first husband was a penniless champagne salesman. She used to say that her sustenance consisted of champagne with bread and butter

a publisher for 35 years and had lost mal event "Oh, yes, he - the author money in every year except one. I gave it to me when we were staying asked Deirdre how such an intelligent, with him." much-loved brother could be so financially undemanding. With a laughing glint in her eye, she explained that Rupert had many wonderful friends and he said "yes" to all of them when they asked him to publish their books, even when he knew they couldn't write. He could not bear to hurt anyone's feelings, a trait

which he shared with Deirdre. Probably her first real job was as a model, then a less normal career for the

Rupert once told me that he had been she would often say as if it was a nor-

ities came into play when at the age of expansive waistline. 65 and with typical courage, she started a new life after an unhappy end to Deirdre Phyllis Hart-Davis, gallery Southover Gallery in Lewes. The fact that this was in her home made it intito be unexpectedly good at business: she had started to develop her commercial well born than it has subsequently beher guinea pigs very successfully by ad23 November 1998.

She loved parties and people as well as paintings, and the gallery became a big success. Helped by William Inman, who became her husband, she would sit at a desk in the middle of the gallery, delicately observing her visitors and deciding who might make a purchase, and who was there simply for the fun. Sales were always good: there were

vertising them in Exchange and Mart

sometimes as many as 130 red blobs on the picture frames during the run of a single exhibition. Always she helped struggling creative people. When she had to close the gallery in 1987, she showed work by 36 artists, all of them her friends, some indication of her amazing personal magnetism.

She exhibited Duncan Grant sever al times, always with a special sort of trepidation: she knew that he had difficulty in preventing his trousers falling down. Once, he was sensibly sitting in her armchair when an important visitor started talking to him, and a friend said: "Why don't you stand up, Duncan?" ... "Better not" was Deirdre's decisive ment, with a meaningful look at his

her third marriage. She founded the owner: born London 5 July 1909: married 1930 Ronald Balfour (died 1941; two daughters), 1945 David Wolfers mate and memorable. And she proved (marriage dissolved 1949), 1950 Anthony Bland (one daughter, marriage dissolved 1971), 1984 William Inman abilities at the age of 11, when she sold (died 1994): died Lewes, East Sussex

HISTORICAL NOTES LEONARD REYNOLDS

# Dog boats in the battle of the narrow seas

THERE SEEMS of late to have been an increase of interest in the events of the Second World War. But most people born after 1945 are unlikely to recognise the acronym MTB - and the letters MGB probably conjure up only a distant memory of a sporty car.

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Things were very different in 1942, at Britain's lowest ebb in that war. At that time, Motor Torpedo Boats and Motor Gun Boats were household words, and their activities, described frequently and colourfully in the press. helped to uplift the morale of the nation. In much the same way as the fighter aircraft of the RAF who had saved Britain in September 1940. the MTBs caught the imagination as these tiny boats attacked the enemy convoys creeping close inshore along the coasts of France and the Low Countries.

The knowledgeable could perhaps picture a 70-foot plywood hull powered by giant engines surrounded by thousands of gallons of highly volatile petrol, and capable or 40 knots. On deck. 10 men, often all under 23, with their two torpedoes and smallcalibre guns, closed in to attack much larger enemy targets which poured heavy fire at them. At ridiculously short range, casualties were common, and engines were not difficult to disable - but time after time they disengaged to limp back to base after wreaking their own havoc. In the eyes of the admirals they

seemed expendable, but the effect of their attacks on supply convoys was out at all proportion to their size and cost.

They alone could venture into the shallow, mineinfested waters close to the enemy shores, often illuminated by search-lights and braving shore batteries.

With hindsight, it is surprising that this came about at all. A reactionary Admiralty had shown no interest in small craft after the First World War. When, in the mid-1930s, war again seemed probable. the first moves came from speed-boat designers, who risked their capital to build experimental boats, and forced the Admiralty's hand.

By 1936 a few were ordered and built, but most were sent to bases overseas, and only a handful were available in Home Waters. These early boats were primitive and vulnerable, but much was learned from them.

By 1942 the new boats were benefiting from the technical improvements driven faster by the impetus of war. The harsh experience of operations brought its rewards, honing the skills of officers and men and throwing up leaders with remarkable tactical expertise and proved aggression.

At much the same time, a new breed of boats came into service greatly increasing the flexibility of the force. Whereas all the boats had hitherto been short, the "Dog Boats" were long (115 feet). They were slower, but had a greatly increased gun armament, and four powerful engines which enabled them to operate in The balance in the 'battle of the narrow seas" began to tilt strongly in their favour, so that in Home and Norwegian waters and the Mediterranean their impact on operations in-

creased dramatically. The development of radar, of non-contact pistols for their torpedoes, and ever more powerful armaments. led to more and more success. The boats played a major part in the Normandy landings, preventing attacks on the constant flow of shipping supplying the Allied armies across the Channel by blockading Le Havre and Cherbourg. The boats were particularly suited to clandestine operations, and one flotilla was employed solely in landing agents, often returning with aircrew forced down in France.

Above all, their war was a triumph of human endeavour The crews of these boats were young and resilient and most had no previous sea-going experience - but their spirit saw them through as they demonstrated the instincts of Britain's inborn maritime heritage. Truly this was a throw-back to the deeds of the men of Nelson's Navy: like them, they "engaged the enemy more closely".

Leonard Reynolds is the author of Dog Boats at War' (Sutton Publishing £25)

### CASE SUMMARIES

7 DECEMBER 1998

THE FOLLOWING notes of judgments were prepared by the reporters of the All England Law Reports. Where, on an appeal against an

Pensions

University of Nottingham v Eyett and anor: Ch Div (Hart J)

13 Nov 1998. The implied term in a contract of employment that an employer would not without reasonable and proper cause conduct itself in a manner likely to damage the relationship of trust and confidence between employer and employee lant in such circumstances did not include a positive obligation on the part of the employer to warn an employee who wished to take early retirement that he would have received a greater pension if he had deferred his chosen retirement date by one day. Andrew Simmonds (Travers Smith Braithwaites for the university:

Andrew Stafford (John Yolland) for the Pensions Ombudsman.

The Commissioners had not

acted unreasonably in delaying

making a VAT assessment

until they had sufficient evi-

Campbell, "The 15th-century

London W1: Grania Lyster, "Dutch Genre Paintings",

**Deloitte & Touche lecture** to be assessed. Consequently, at the RSA, London WC2: an assessment made within one year of receiving such evi-Lord Phillips, Professor Patrick Minford and Sir John dence was within the time Banham, "The Single Eurolimit provided by the s 73(6)(b) of the Value Added Tax Act pean Currency and its Consequences for Britain", 6pm. 1994. Gresham College, Barnard's David Ewart, James Henderson Inn Hall, London EC1: Pro-(Amery Parkes) for the taxpayer: fessor E.A. Markham, "West Eamonn McNicholas (Solr for Indian Writers in Britain: are C&E) for the Crown. we true to type?", 1pm. Majid and Partners v Commrs Croxford QC, Burry Berlin (City Leicester University: Professor W.P. Griffiths, "Metal

APPOINTMENTS

of Customs and Excise; QBD Solr. Birmingham City Council for (Crown Office List) (Collins J) 1 Dec 1998.

Company

assessment to VAT, the appeldirector lants had made no specific submissions as to the amount of the assessment, but only as and Industry v Kaczer and ors: to the question whether they had suppressed part of their Robert Walker LJJ) 30 Nov sales, it would not have added to the tribunal's burden for it to ascertain whether the appellants were in truth appealing against the assessment or the amount of the assessment. Where the appel-

appeal was covering both questions. Alun James (Berrymans as London agents for Hallinans, Cardiff) for

was a layman, if the tribunal

did not obtain a clear answer,

it should assume that the

the appellants; Hugo Keith (Solr for C&E) for the commissioners.

**Trade** description

Formula One Antocentres Ltd v Pegasus Birds Ltd v Commrs of Birmingham City Council; QDB (Div Ct) (Rose LJ, Mitchell J) Customs and Excise; QBD (Crown Office List) (Dyson J) 27 27 Nov 1998.

When goods were returned to their owner or his agent in the ordinary course of business, following completion of a relation to the appeal or repair, service or other work carried out for reward, the even though it might be detribanding back of the goods constituted a supply of goods for the purposes of s 1(1) of the Trade Descriptions Act 1968, and accordingly where the repair, service or work had not been carried out as stated an offence of applying a false trade description contrary to s 14(1) of the Act had been committed. Kevin De Haan (Kingsford Stacey

Secretary of State for Trade CA (Stuart-Smith, Thorpe,

In proceedings brought by the Secretary of State for Trade and industry under s 6 of the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986, the crucial issue in determining de facto directorship was whether the person in question had assumed the status and functions of a company director so as to make him responsible. under the Act, as if he were a de jure director.

Malcohn Green (Treasury Solicitor) for the Secretary of State: the spondents appeared in person.

Fresh evidence

R v Ali and anor; CA (Crim Div) (Kennedy L.J. Alliott, Steel JJr

27 Nov 1998. On the hearing of a criminal appeal, once fresh evidence had been admitted pursuant to s 23(2) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968, it became evidence in the case for all purposes in appeals then being heard, mental to the case of one co-accused. Any other construction of the power granted to the court by \$ 23 of the 1968 Act could lead to absurdity and manifest injustice.

Anthony Arlidge QC (Registrar of Criminal Appeals) for the first appellant; Jeremy Carter-Manning QC (Registrar of Criminal Appeals) for the second appellant); Stephen Coward QC (CPS) for the

THIS HAS many meanings. among them one diligent, another recreational: of the latter, in 1647, "Digby's Lady takes it ill, that her Lord grinds not at her mill" while Lady Chatterley "had to work the thing herself, grind her own coffee". A use overlooked in

WORDS **CHRISTOPHER** 

Blackwell) for the appellants: Ian

HAWTREE

in practice, imperils even the celibate. It is the term for nifty skateboarding. every reference work, how-rollerblading and the suchever, is a recent one that, like: we all know that noise penetration".

out - which has one seeking the wall or gutter, something which can only get worse with the advent of such devices being built into shoes. One Californian manufacturer did not quite realise what he was saying when asserting, "so far we have less than one per cent

- redolent of a V2s cutting

The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, 11am.

# BIRTHDAYS

Sir Fred Atkinson, economist, 79; Miss Ellen Burstyn, actress, 66; Professor Noam Chomsky, linguist, 70; Lord

Elystan-Morgan, circuit judge and former MP, 66; Mr David Evans, trade unionist, 63; Mr Kaffe Fassett, textile designer, 61; Professor Lawrence Freedman, war historian, 50; Professor Sir Abraham Goldberg, physician, 75; Professor Norman Gowar, principal, Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, London, 58; Sir Bryan Hopkin, economist, 84; Mr Geoff Lawson, cricketer, 40; The Countess of Limerick, Chairman Emeritus, British Red Cross Society, 63; Mr

Mike Nolan, singer, 44; Mr Edmundo Ros, bandleader, 88; Sir Sydney Samuelson, first British Film Commissioner, 73; Dr Mario Soares, former president of Portugal, 74; The Rev Ronald Trounson, parish priest, and former principal, St Chad's College, Durham, 72; Mr Eli Wallach, actor, 83; Miss Helen Watts, concert and

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

opera singer, 71.

Births: Gian Lorenzo Bernini, sculptor, 1598; Allan Cunningham, poet, 1784; Joseph Severn, painter, 1793; Theodor Ambrose Hubert Schwann, physiologist, 1810; William James Linton, wood

engraver, 1812; Carl Anton Florian Eckert, pianist, violinist, conductor and composer, 1829; Leopold Kronecker. mathematician, 1823; Hermann Gustav Götz, composer, 1840; Pietro Mascagni. composer, 1863; Willa Sibert Cather, novelist, 1876; Charles Rudolf Friml, composer and pianist, 1879; Ernst Toch, composer, 1887; Arthur Joyce Lunel Cary. writer, 1888; Honoré-Gabriel Marcel, philosopher and playwright, 1889; Fay Bainter, actress, 1892; Stuart Davis. abstract painter, 1894.

**GAZETTE** 

Deaths: Cicero, executed 43 BC: Pope Innocent IV, 1254; Robert Kett, rebel leader. hanged 1549; Adriaan Willaert, composer, 1562; Sir Peter Lely (Pieter van der Faes), portrait painter, 1680; Algernon Sidney, republican and patriot, beheaded, 1683; Meindert Hobbema, landscape painter, 1709; Marie-Jeanne Bécu, Comtesse du Barry, mistress of Louis XV, guillotined 1793; Marshal Michel Ney, soldier, executed for treason 1815; William Bligh, captain of the Bounty, 1817; Dr John Aikin, writer and physician, 1822; John Flaxman, sculptor, 1826; The Rev Edward Irving, Presbyterian minister and theologian, 1834; William Swainson, naturalist, 1855; Ferdinand-Marie, Vicomte de Lesseps, engineer and diplomat, 1894; Thomas Nast, artist and cartoonist, 1902; Sir Frederick Treves, physician, 1923;

Nicholas Murray Butler, educator, 1947; Rex Ellingwood Beach, novelist, 1949; Kirsten Malfrid Flagstad, operatic soprano, 1962; Thornton Niven Wilder, novelist, 1975: Robert Ranke Graves, poet, 1985; Kathleen Harrison, actress, 1995. On this day: Henry VI of

England was crowned King of France, Paris, 1431; the Theatre Royal, Covent Garden (now the Royal Opera House), was opened, 1732; William Pitt the Younger became prime minister, 1783; Delaware became the first of the United States, 1787; the Alhambra Theatre, London, was burned down, 1882; Gilbert and Sullivan's opera The Gondoliers was first produced, London, 1889; the Italians were defeated at Amba Alagi by the Abyssinians, 1895; an imperial edict authorised all Chinese to cut their pigtails, 1911; David Lloyd George became British prime minister, 1916; the United States declared war on Austria-Hungary, 1917; the first parliament of the Irish Free State met, electing William Thomas Cosgrave as president, 1922; the parliament of Northern Ireland voted against being included in the Irish Free State, 1922; the operetta The Last Waltz was staged for the first time in London, 1922; Japanese aircraft attacked Pearl Harbor, 1941; the Ivory Coast became an independent

republic, 1960; Apollo 17

LECTURES National Gallery: Lorne

was launched from Cape

Today is the Feast Day of St.

Ambrose of Milan, St Buithe

or Boethius, St Eutychianus,

St Martin of Saujon and St

Kermedy, 1972.

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# Own up: who's seen the Christmas decorations?

WHEN I left you last week I was expressing a certain queasy foreboding at the thought that at any moment my wife would step into the room and announce that the time has come to get out the Christmas decorations.

Well, here we are, another week gone and just 18 fleeting days till Christmas, and still not a peep from her. I don't know how

much more of this I can take. I hate doing the Christmas decorations because, for a start, it means going up into the loft. Lofts are dirty, dark,

disagreeable places. You always find things up there you don't want to find — lengths of gnawed wiring, gaps in the slates through which you can see daylight and sometimes even pop your head. and crates full of useless oddments that you must have been out of your mind ever to have hauled up there. Three things alone are certain when you venture into a loft: that you

will crack your head on a beam

at least twice, that you will get

cobwebs draped over your face,

and that you will not find what

you went looking for. So you lower your legs through the hatch and blindly grope for the ladder with your feet. If you stretch your right leg to its furthest extremity, you can just about get a toe to it, which is not much good, of course. Eventually, you discover that if

you swing your legs back and forth, like a gymnast on parallel bars, you can get one foot on top of the ladder and then both feet on. This, however, does not represent a great breakthrough because you are now lying at an angle of about 60 degrees and unable to make any further progress. Grunting softly, you try to drag the ladder nearer with

your feet, but succeed only in

knocking it over, with a crash. Now you really are stuck. You try to wriggle back up into the loft, but haven't the strength, so you hang by your armpits. You call to your wife, but she doesn't hear you. This is both discouraging and strange. Normally, your wife can hear

things that no one else on earth

can hear. She can hear a dab of

jam fall on to a carpet two rooms away. She can hear spilled coffee being furtively mopped up with a good bathtowel. She can hear dirt being tracked across a clean floor. She can hear you just thinking about doing something you shouldn't do. But get yourself stuck in a loft hatch and suddenly it is as if she has been

placed in a soundproof chamber. So when eventually, an hour or so later, she passes through the upstairs hallway and sees your legs dangling there, it takes her by surprise. "What are you doing?" she says at length.

You squint down at her "Loft hatch aerobics," you reply with just a hint of sarcasm. "Do you want the ladder?"

"Oh, now there's an idea. Do you know, I've been hanging here for ages trying to think what it is that's missing, and here you've cracked it straight off.'

You hear the sound of the ladder being righted and feel your feet being guided down the steps. The hanging has evidently done you good because suddenly you



remember that the Christmas decorations are not in the loft never were in the loft - but in the basement, in a cardboard box. Of course! How silly not to have recalled! Off you dash.

Two hours later you find the decorations hidden behind some old tyres and a broken pram. You lug the box upstairs and devote two hours more to untangling strings of lights. When you plug the lights in, naturally they do not work, except for one string that hurls you backwards into a wall with a lively jolt and a shower of

sparks, and then does not work. You decide to leave the lights and get the tree in from the garage. The tree is immense and prickly. Clutching it in a clumsy bearbug, you gruntingly manhandle it to the back door, fall into the house, get up and press on. As branches poke your eyes, needles puncture your cheeks and gums, and sap manages somehow to run backwards up your nose, you blunder through rooms, knocking pictures from walls, clearing tabletops, upsetting chairs. Your wife, so recently missing and unaccounted for, now seems to

confused and lively instructions "Mind the thingy! Don't go that way - to that way! To the left! Not your left - my left!" and eventually, in a softer voice, "Oooh, are you all right honey? Didn't you see those steps?" By the time you reach the living room the tree looks as if it has been defoliated by acid rain, and so do vou.

be everywhere, shouting

It is at this point that you realise that you have no idea

where the Christmas tree stand is. So, sighing, you hike up to town to the hardware store to buy another, knowing that for the next three weeks all the Christmas tree stands you have ever purchased - 23 in all - will spontaneously reappear in your life, mostly by dropping on to your head from a high shelf when you are rooting in the bottom of a cupboard, but occasionally in the middle of darkened rooms or lurking near the top of the hall stairs. If you don't know it already, know it now: Christmas tree stands are the work of the devil and they want you dead.

work either. Eventually, exhausted in both mind and body, you manage to get the tree up, lit and covered with baubles. You stand in the posture of Quasimodo regarding it with a kind of weak loathing.

While you are at the hardware

strings of lights. These will not

store you buy two additional

"Oh, it's lovely!" your wife cries, clasping her hands ecstatically beneath her chin. Now let's do the outside

decorations," she announces suddenly. "I bought a special treat this year - a life-sized Father Christmas that goes on the chimney. You fetch the 40-ft ladder and I'll open the crate. Oh, isn't this such fun!" And off she skips.

Now you might reasonably say to me: "Why put yourself through all this? Why go up to the loft when you know the decorations won't be there? Why untangle the lights when you know they haven't a chance of working?" And my answer to you is that this is part of the ritual Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without it.

Which is why I've decided to make a start now even though Mrs Bryson hasn't ordered me to. There are some things you just have to do in life, whether you want to or not.

If you need me for anything, I'll be hanging from the loft.

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# Highway robbery on the M6

The Nineties smuggler has a Vauxhall Astra and 500 packs of ciggies in the boot. By Alex Hayes

t's 5am on the norththe M6 and I'm sitting in the back of a soupedup police Hange Kover on the tail of a white Transit. "Why this one?" I ask the officer behind the wheel. "We look for overloaded vehicles." he replies.

"But we also rely on our sixth sense," adds his colleague.

Now we're in front of the suspect, the message "Follow Me" scrolls in red neon across the back of the Range Rover. "Have we caught a smuggler?" I ask once we're back at base. "Just credit cards, mate," says the driver, revealing a huge safe.

As he drives off, I suggest that it may be a double bluff, that the booze and fags are in the safe. One of the officers

many TV police dramas, son."

I have driven up from London to join West Midlands officers in a joint operation. "The purpose is two-fold," explains Bill O'Leary, the press officer for Customs & Excise. The police are looking for dan-

gerous vehicles (usually overloaded), while we're looking for people who are transporting alcohol and tobacco with intent to sell." This traditional "seasonal slam" is part of Operation Mistletoe - launched by the Government in early October and involves raids on shops, pubs and clubs, as well as vehicles. Tonight's exercise is a seven-hour random spot check of vans and heavily loaded cars travelling through

raises an eyebrow, as if to say, the night on the north-bound bound carriageway of "You've been watching too carriageway of the M6.

These officers have heard all the stories. Such as the time they stopped a man in North ■ Hitting 90mph, we are Police and Customs & Excise amptonshire with a vanload of beer. He claimed that it was for his engagement party. But during the interview he couldn't remember the date of the party, couldn't name the venue and, when pressed, couldn't name the woman he was to marry.

The users of cheap, latenight ferries start reaching the Midlands by 3.03am. A C-reg Vauxhall Astra has been brought in. Looking through the goods in the back of the car. O'Leary points to some handrolling tobacco. "Two-thirds of the hand-rolling tobacco sold in this country is smuggled," he says. This is not a particularly



A customs officer checks out the haul in the back of an impounded vehicle

hood of legitimate traders.

"This 5-kg box," he continues, "contains 100 pouches of hand-rolling tobacco, bought at £1.50 a pouch and sold at twice that price. These smugglers stood to make £200 profit on those 5kg alone."

The car is driven by a short big market (it is worth £200m a man with a Liverpool accent.

year), but it threatens the liveli- He is carrying four passengers (two of whom are clearly drunk), as well as 10,000 cigarettes, four bootleggers' bags full of tobacco, 5kg of hand-rolling tobacco and some beer. The goods have a market value of £10,000, representing £2,000-£3,000 in evaded duty. After rigorous individual interviews, the five men are sent on their way - minus their shopping.

According to the Customs & Excise Department, smuggling has escalated since January 1993, when the single European market opened. In July, the Government gave Customs an extra £35m to tackle the problem. Currently, it is recruiting more than 100 extra staff. "This kind of exercise would not have happened two years ago," says O'Leary. "It wasn't something that Customs & Excise did But now, we have completely changed our working procedures. Our methods are much

more aggressive." It's now 4am, and a white van pulls up. It is driven by a 28year-old Mancunian and is loaded with 150 crates of lager. Each crate contains 2,500 pints, which amounts to £1,000 of

evaded tax. This may seem like fairly small-time smuggling, but not to O'Leary. "The notion that a couple of mates will occasionally smuggle goods in to pay for their kids' Christmas is a fabrication. There are no cheeky chappies. Even the 'small-timers', like this man, are organised. This is how they

make their living." So how does the "smalltimer" get rid of thousands of cigarettes and cans of beer? "He will probably have a regular list of customers and an informal distribution network." O'Leary says. "He will do the pubs on a Sunday, selling to punters. He may even have a mate who runs an off-licence, which makes it a lot easier."

It's now just gone 4.30am. As I sit in the Customs & Excise Portakabin sipping a cup of tea, a blue Transit van enters the car park. It is packed to the rafters with crates of beer that are still in their pallets. "That's a sure sign that this van is part of a much larger, more organised set-up," whispers O'Leary. "These sorts of operation are master-minded by a Mister Big'. They're like any import-

export business; they have their couriers, their fleet of vehicles, and their drivers - who are getting cash in hand while often claiming benefits."

It is thought that several

such criminal organisations exist in the UK. They may own 50 yans between them, travelling back and forth to the Continent all week. The "bosses" are looking at a turnover of £80,000 - £100,000 a week, says O'Leary. And there is increasing evidence that drug barons are getting involved. The financial rewards are nearly as high and the risks are about the same, but the penalties - if they are caught - are much lighter. If you were guilty of a £250,000 excise fraud, for example, you would probably get three to four years in prison. But if you were tried for smuggling a similar amount of cocaine, you would

be looking at 10 years. There is an argument that taxes should be lowered in order to drive the smugglers out of business. According to John Carlisle, spokesman for the Tobacco Manufacturers' Association: "One out of every six corner shops is closing be-

cause of bootlegging. A packetof cigarettes is taxed at 78 per cent. As long as this remains the case, bootlegging will thrive." The Government's position is clear. It is better to lose £1bn from smuggling, than

£9bn through tax cuts. During the seven-hour operation, 40 vehicles were stopped. Four of them had their load seized. In all, 7,000 pints of beer, 20 cases of wine and champagne, 20,000 cigarettes and 400 pouches of hand-rolling tobacco were recovered during the night. The goods have a market value of £20,000, or £10,000 in evaded duty.

The idea that this is a victimless crime is ill-founded. Many hope that the new powers given to Customs - including escalating fines for persistent offenders, the power to seize vehicles. impose heavy fines, withdraw driving licences and recommend prison sentences - will have a major impact. What started out as a small-scale, oldfashioned criminal activity is now a highly organised racket. And the smugglers are cuming. Maybe I should have checked the safe in that van after all.

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# The sexiest bloke on the box.

Continued from page I else than himself.At 12, he came to London to appear at the Bush, in a heavy play about Aleister Crowley. "There was a naked man in it. I had to run on.

swearing and cursing."
He left school at 16 and got his big break as the lead in the National Theatre's production of Neil Simon's Brighton Beach *Memoirs.* Here he met his wife. the actor Lisa Jacobs. "It wasn't love at first sight. I just thought: 'She's nice.' I was playing a character who was obsessed with his cousin Nora. and she was Nora. It was great when it happened for real.

Fantastic ' He went on to do three of Shakespeare's plays - A Winter's Tule, Cymbeline, The



Tempest - for Peter Hall, but it wasn't really his bag.

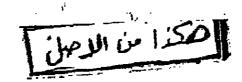
"I just wasn't meant to do Shakespeare. I'm not vocally equipped; I've got this flat, nasal, East Anglian voice. I got to understand the fantastic words Shakespeare wrote, but never got to fly with them."

He wasn't, initially, that keen on playing Rokesmith/Harmon in Our Mutual Friend. "I thought I'd do terrible Period Acting." What, as encouraged by the BBC Bonnet Dapartment? "Yes. I thought I was going to be awful." You weren't though. You were gorgeous.

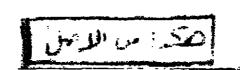
"Oh. Thank you... but it wasn't easy. I had these huge, convoluted sentences. Then I realised it was a matter of finding the truth in it. If you do that, you don't have to worry about, say, giving a performance that's too big or too small." He's quite earnest, as I said

Anyway, he has just finished filming a drama for Carlton TV, in which he plays a priest. Next, there's the possibility in February of a British film made with American backing. Now, though, he's off to pick up Martha I get a little hug, and off he goes, while I race home. I don't like to leave my carrier bags for long. They get lonely and upset and so clingy, it's almost murder getting them off

to school the next day.



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with their sons, Niraj (left) and Himal – both Christian and Hindu faiths are practiced in their home

# Uniting our faiths with love

# A FAMILY AFFAIR

Derek Barnes, 54, a Church of England vicar, has been married to Rohini, 40, a committed Hindu, for 18 years. Rohini was born in Zambia and moved to England when she was 17 years old. They live in Southall, West London, and have two children, Himal, 14, and Niraj, 11. Their commitment to two different faiths has caused some criticism within their community

overseas student hostel in west London. Td established a rule that I wouldn't go out with any students, but I broke that rule when I met Rohini. Our relationship in fact seemed very natural; we got to know each other as friends, and then it developerato something else. The fact 🔑 was Hindu didn't feel like

met Rohini when I was

working as a director of an

Derek

anything out of the ordinary, probably because I'd been in west London for seven or eight years in a multi-cultural context all the time.

We did discuss our faiths from an early stage. One of the things that attracted me was the way she talked about her religion. She told me all about the Hindu holy books, and how they're sort of fairy stories. I was already learning a lot from other faiths, and this one seemed very attractive to me.

Also, Rohini was educated in a cogvent in Africa and knew a great de bout the Christian faith, which meant we both had open expectations. There were no problems for us, only for other people. Soon after at that time were South African we met some of my colleagues started to put pressure on me, and said that they'd be happier if she converted. That's the assumption, particularly among the evangelical wing of the Christian church.

But we accepted that when we married, we'd keep our separate faiths; we never saw them as two watertight compartments, but ones that would flow into each other.

So Robini would come to church and play the part of the vicar's wife and I'd go to the Hindu temple and all the major festivals. We saw no problem in being true to our own faiths and to each other's. It seemed to fit in well with my Christian background, which is very liberal, and also the Hindu faith, which is very including.

Spiritually, her family had no problem with our relationship. Culturally, though, they didn't approve. They believed in arranged marriages and were unhappy about our marriage, partly because she was the only girl in the family. Also, she was bought up in Zambia, and the only white males they'd come across

racist Boer types. Anyway, we decided to go ahead with a church wedding and incorporated one or two Hindu and African elements into the service. Then we had a Hindu service when Rohini was five months pregnant with our first son.

parish where there were a number of evangelical Christians. Some were unhappy that she hadn't converted. But I think if there's a little bit of opposition from outsiders, it tends to bring you closer together. When we first moved to Southall, a local newspaper did an article about us and a retired clergyman then wrote an abusive letter, which was

consider marrying people when I hadn't converted my wife. But it made us feel that if he was unhappy we must be doing something right. When we had children, we wanted them to be able to straddle both faiths into adulthood. The older one, though, is pretty definite about being Hindu and the younger one

doesn't really know where he stands,

rather sad. He asked how I could

but goes to the Hindu temple more than to church. That's partly because they're very close to their mum and also, I think, because they feel the Indianness of their identity, living in Southall. I'm impressed with the maturity of our elder one and how

it all hangs together for him. I'm not

After our marriage, I moved to a disappointed at all that he's Hindu - it's not a competition. I want the children to be happy, and be true to

> On the surface, there's a huge difference between Christianity and Hinduism. Hinduism worships many different gods, and Christianity is monotheistic. Yet Hindus see them all as the incarnation of one Godhead, just as Christians see Jesus as an incarnation of God.

We always discuss these different aspects, and seeing a contrast makes you go back to the roots of what you believe. Rather than accepting your faith parrot-fashion, it helps you to work through it, so you know what it really means.

themselves.

alling in love with a British reverend really was the last thing I'd planned for. I knew it my family. When I told my father, he was very upset. They didn't come to the wedding, but six months after we married, we went convert, they believed I should have to see them. It was reconciled pretty converted my family too.

quickly once they met Derek - and when we left, I remember my father hugging me and saying that everything he'd said should be forgotten.

It was so nice. It was still pretty difficult in the hostel where Derek was working. Some of them weren't very pleased, because they felt I should convert. There was a lot of pressure on Derek. I found that painful, and felt rejected, but I tried to take it in my stride because I loved my husband.

Looking back, I was very isolated and naïve. I remember when I first married thinking: "How am I even going to be a Hindu when I'm all on my own?"

All through that time we spoke a lot to each other if things were hurting us, or we weren't feeling too good. For me, there was the gradual realisation that I needed to have a family. We were living in Kilburn at the time, and I wasn't used to would be difficult for being so alone. My only contact with the outside world was the local parish. And some of them could be difficult - as well believing I should

For me. though, I needed to say: "I am Indian, I am Hindu - that's my identity." It was very important to spell that out to people; the community and the local parish. The response was very mixed and it was then that I discovered that Christians could be very harsh; i don't know if it's the Christian/Hindu issue, or the English/Asian issue that worried them most. They kept saying to me: "Jesus says, You can only get to God through me'." I expected them to be more tolerant, not as critical and condemning. We did

For a time, they wanted me to stay away from "baby Christians" people who had just been converted. I really have no idea why.

I'm not "Christian".

have quite an amazing reaction.

People have been horrid - we still

have people praying for us because

problem for us, only for other people, it seems. We're never confused about which faith we believe in. It's not a case of being half this or half that - it's always been very clear to the children that I'm Hindu and Derek is Christian. I suppose I have Sunday, 13 December

stepped more in his direction because I've come to Britain - I'd have done that anyway, because things are so different compared to Africa.

We have lots of discussions about our faiths. I always think I'm right. and so does Derek. But we respect each other's point of view. When we got married, part of the service read, "Till death us do part", which I couldn't understand. Because of my faith, and our belief in reincarnation, I thought: "But Γm going to live for ever and ever with this guy,"

Yet Derek believes in "till death us do part". At one point I thought it meant he didn't really love me. We used to have painful discussions about that, but now I laugh about it and say: "I'll just find someone else next time around, then."

Both the boys have grown up with both religions from the earliest age. I remember my son saying to me when he was very young: "Mummy, are Krishna and Christ friends?" I said: "Of course, they are." I've wanted him to know that you don't have to reject someone just because they've got different beliefs. I also think most religious give the same message: be good, be happy These issues have never been a and feed each other. Derek and I always say: it's not the religion that's important; it's the love.

> Derek and Rohini will be featured in a BBC1 documentary, Everyman: Sleeping with the Enemy', on

# INFORMATION UNLIMITED

ALL THE FACTS YOU NEED TO AVOID HEARTACHE

### No.17 ALCOHOL AND HANGOVERS

### The facts

■ Though drinking makes people feel relaxed, happy and even euphoric, alcohol is in fact a depressant. It switches off the part of the brain that controls judgement, leading to loss of inhibitions.

■ Nearly one in 10 male drinkers and one in 20 female drinkers have an alcohol problem of some kind, and drink is related to 28,000 deaths each year in the UK.

One in four male hospital admissions is related in some way to alcohol, and alcohol-related health problems cost the National Health Service around £150m per year. ■ Alcohol is involved in 40 per cent

of domestic violence and in up to 40 r cent of child abuse incidents reported in the UK.

■ About 65 per cent of suicide attempts are linked with excessive

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a result of drinking and driving. alcohol misuse is a problem in their organisation, and between 8 million and 14 million working days

are lost each year in this country

as a result of alcohol-related

sickness.

Sensible drinking

Men should drink no more than three to four units per day and women no more than two to three units a day. One unit of alcohol is the equivalent of a half pint of beer a smaller person. or lager, a small glass of wine, or a

pub measure of spirits. A quick formula for working out the number of units in any given drink is to multiply the amount of liquid in the bottle by the drink's alcoholic strength and divide by 1,000. For example, a 75cl (750ml)

At least 10 people a week die as bottle of wine that has an alcohol content of 12 per cent (as marked ■ 75 per cent of employers say that on the label) contains nine units (thus 12 multiplied by 750 divided nine units of alcohol in one bottle

Why does alcohol affect people

differently? ■Body size determines how alcohol affects us. Big people have more blood in their bodies, so that the level of alcohol is more diluted than the same amount of alcohol in

■ Because women's bodies have more fat and less fluid than men's bodies, the concentration of alcohol in the blood will be higher in women, and women may also be more sensitive than normal to the effects of alcohol during their drink more slowly and water down

Drinking and driving

One unit of alcohol on an empty stomach results in a peak alcohol level of 15mg per 100ml of blood in by 1,000 equals nine). So there are a man and as much as 20mg per 100ml of blood in a woman.

■ The drink-driving limit is 80mg alcohol/100ml blood. However, impairment to the drinker's driving ability occurs long before this limit is reached.

It takes about an hour for the liver to process one unit of alcohol. A couple of pints at lunch time may mean that your driving is still impaired in the early evening, and if you have had a really heavy night limit the following morning.

Tips for cutting down Drink beer rather than spirits, wine and spirits.

lower alcohol content.

■ Buy smaller glasses for the home, and use a drinks measure.

Why do we get hangovers? Alcohol is a diuretic that makes you pass more liquid in your urine than you are putting in. Dehydration gives you a headache and makes you thirsty. Alcohol is also a cardiovascular dilator, making smoking seem like a great idea once you are on your second drink, but

if you smoke it adds to your hangover the next day. ■ Alcohol stimulates the production you will probably still be over the of insulin, which lowers the blood sugar level, encouraging us to carry on drinking in order to take in more sugar.

> Preventing hangovers Abstinence is the best way to pre-

■ Choose beer and wine with a vent waking up with a headache, an ■ Before you go to bed try to drink unquenchable thirst and the suspicion that a monkey has slept in your mouth. However, there are other tips that you can follow.

> ■ Eat before you drink – alcohol is absorbed more quickly on an empty stomach. Also it is a good idea to drink some non-alcohol before you drink alcohol - milk can help to line your stomach.

> ■ Think about your drink - some drinks are absorbed more quickly than others, so their effects are felt more quickly. Wines and sherries are absorbed more quickly than neat spirits and beers. The chemicals in sparkling wines, lagers and fizzy mixers speed up alcohol absorption, while the sugar in sweet drinks slows down absorption.

Don't mix drinks, and try not to smoke more than normal while

a glass of water for every drink you have had, take two aspirin or ibuprofen and 50mg of vitamin B. and eat a couple of slices of bread and butter.

Hangover cures

A sachet of Dioralyte (available from chemists) mixed with water will rebydrate you and put back lost minerals. It also helps to eat a big breakfast, with tomatoes, salt and protein. Take 1,000mg of vitamin C and a double dose of Zinc B6 and fish oil capsules, and also take two

Alka Seltzer. ■ Take gentle exercise and a hot bath to try to detoxify your system.

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### THIS WAS THE Week That Was

Today On this day in 1732 the first Covent Garden Opera House opened its doors; now it is defunct (a fate liable to overtake the current one). On this day in 1982, Hero was released. English-speaking audiences who suspected they had a problem with the accent were right: it was the first feature film in Gaelic

Tomorrow 1660 saw a Shakespearean first: a female role was played by a woman instead of the usual young man, with a Mrs Norris taking the part of Desdemona.

Wednesday Sir Anthony van Dvck died in 1641. The Belgian-bern portraitist came to London and was made "painter-in-ordinary", although really he was anything but.

Thursday The first night of Ubu Roi, the first drafts of which had been written by Alfred Jarry at 15, launched Theatre of the Absurd in 1896. The second night was a riot - literally. The curtain came down in mid-play.

Friday In 1987 a bowler hat and cane were auctioned at Christies for £82,500, possibly because they had belonged to Charlie Chaplin.

Saturday In 1926 James Joyce began reading Finnegans Wake to his friends. As with the recent audio version, that did not necessarily make it more comprehensible. In 1955, Bill Haley and the Comets recorded the classic "See You Later Alligator".

Sunday In 1913 the Mona Lisa was discovered in a Florence bedroom. An Italian housepainter had been insulted as "a macaroni-eater" by some Frenchmen and had stolen the painting from the Louvre in revenge (as you do). The first concert in sign language was given in 1989 by a deaf choir performing in unison with a male voice choir in West Glamorgan.

JONATHAN SALE

Los Angeles is a disaster waiting to happen. Whether it's fire, tornado, plague or big cat, something's going to strike it down. In the wake of a new book on the city, Steve Jelbert sets out some movie-style apocalyptic scenarios

# The fall of the city of Angels

"A Burning Rage in a Burning Landscape!" After his momma. whom he loves even more than his car, burns to death in her low-rent flat in the crowded barrio, due to the slumlord owner's negligence of city fire safety ordinances, young Jesus is let out of jail for her burial. But when brushfires break out in Malibu, he, and all other gang members on day release for funerals, are hurriedly called up to the brigades fighting the fire... and saving the multi-million-dollar home of his momma's landlord. Stars Bill Paxton. Dennis Hopper, Coolio (frequent profonity and use of Spanish). Hollywood executives in need of ideas for their next "high concept" blockbuster could do worse than read the latest book by Los Angeles'

apocalyptic social historian Mike

Davis. It's his first since 1990's City

of Quartz, a gloomy analysis of

the megacity's societal divides,

vindicated by the 1992 riots (or up-

rising depending on your viewpoint).

Recently issued in the United

States, Ecology of Fear is a beauti-

fully written. frequently contentious

and always fascinating meditation on

humanity's relationship with its

environment in southern California,

The above scenario is inspired by

a chapter called "The Case for

Letting Malibu Burn, in which

Davis points out that it's all very well

for the rich to build wooden homes

in notorious firetraps - large Malibu

conflagrations have been used by

researchers to model the behaviour

of nuclear firestorms - but a zero fire

tolerance policy and designation of

such events as potential national

disasters effectively means an

endless drain on all taxpayers. Still,

that's where money lives, and the

political machines must kowtow to

the wishes of some of their most

to let the other 17 million people in

the Greater LA region have access

to the beach. Gang members, real

or imagined, are welcome only as

part of the firefighting teams that the

rapper Coolio once served.

In the meantime it would be nice

generous sponsors.

in reality and fiction.

A scene from the film 'Volcano': mythmakers have dwelled on the destruction of LA for years, revelling in its demise

winds fan fast-moving canyon fires. But according to Davis, the west of town, including LAX airport, is as tornado-prone as the Midwest. Though they never reach the intensity of the famed twisters of Kansas and Oklahoma, in the crowded city they leave massive destruction. They are apparently related to the unpredictable El Niño weather system, which this decade has caused storms to wreak havoc on California, and crank callers to wreak havoc on the unfortunately named state resident Al Nino, who sounded distinctly intemperate when interviewed by Today.

Disaster can mean profit. Earthquake (1974), a big-budget extravaganza, was supposedly inspired by an MCA executive who suggested "What about a picture where the common disaster comes to them, instead of the other way around? Let's get that audience!" Omin-Los Angeles weather is probously, not only did the costly North- the local fauna start attacking

lematic; regular hot Santa Ana ridge quake of 1994 do £26bn of dam- city-dwelling holiday-makers it's age, its destructive patterns also proved to be unpredictable.

Seismologists now suspect that the geology of Los Angeles, largely built in a sedimentary basin, may multiply wave amplitudes within its confines. Two hundred high-rise buildings collapsed in the similarly sited Mexico City in 1985, and there's no reason the same can't happen in LA. Even if they stay upright, sprinkler systems are likely to fail, and as for emergency services, a single skyscraper fire in 1987 required half the city's ladder companies to deal with it. Incredibly, none of the area's past 10 major quakes has taken place during school hours.

ORNERY CRITTERS (PG) "When you enter the park, you enter the food chain." The small town of Perdido is dependent on hikers who pass through on their way to the nearby national park. When

a race against time to hunt the rogue cougars causing panic in the Chamber of Commerce. Features amazing shots of attacks from the puma's perspective, and trash raids from the coyote's. Also has same plot as Jaws'. Stars Bill Paxton, Charles Grodin (gets eaten), Julianne Moore (in white lab coat). (Environmentally unsound garbage dumps, severed head rolls into pick-up truck bed.) That quote about the food chain is genuine, from a resident of Descanso, just outside San Diego. 100 miles south, where onceendangered mountain lions have taken to endangering hapless hikers. It's a new development - all but one of California's recorded cougar attacks have occurred since 1985. Even the executive director of the Mountain Lion Foundation says "something weird is happening". Davis ponders whether this means

"the emergence of lions with a lusty

appetite for slow, soft animals in Spandex". Incidentally, after a woman died in a Northern California attack in 1989 the orphaned cubs reportedly received more donations than her orphaned children. Coyotes are as common in the city

as the urban fox is in Britain, and their changing behaviour has been observed over the years. From hunting rodents and rabbits, then raiding animals at the LA zoo. they've learnt to prey on household pets and topple dustbins for leftovers. With the wilderness of the San Gabriel Mountains only 20 miles from the city centre, it seems that the local wildlife has become habituated to humanity's presence.

Still, they won't get you at home. But the plague might. Yes, there really are plague-carrying rats and squirrels in southern California. Currently they're found on the edge of the urban sprawl, but both Los Angeles and rival San Francisco have been seen plague outbreaks this Henry Holt

century. (The virulent pneumonic form killed a man in neighbouring Kern County in 1995.) Investigators have even discovered a family deg carrying the Yersinia Pestis bacillus in its fleas. Then there are the rabid skunks that visit suburban gardens ..

Something about this overanalysed, confusing city fascinates the world. Even Davis admits that Los Angeles is an aberration rather than the possible future model ie previously suspected. Ultimately it's the most familiar cityscape on the planet, seen in thousands of moves and TV shows, yet it remains featureless beyond obvious associations such as the beaches and plush hils. Canny myth-makers have dwelton the destruction of the place over the years, even inventing scenaros such as the recent volcano and happily revelling in its demise.

Nathaniel West was the first to name a character "Homer Simpson" in his LApocalyptic classic Day of he Locust, but it's the Homer in us all that loves to see LA suffer. A century ago a common theme was the cestruction of London, mankind's most extreme construction. Now its place has been taken by Los Angeles. Coming soon - the killer bees, feared in Latin America, already sighted outside the city, and spurred to attack by the noise of a lawnmower, or ven certain colours...

THE STUNG (PG) - 'It's time to jump in the pool.' The LA Bee Squad work with limited resources to cope with a sudden influx of Africanised honey bees. bad-tempered, aggressive, given to reproducing themselves and to killing people. An elderly country beekeeper is the first victim. Panic sweeps the city. Victims in clude partying teenagers, burglars who unwittingly disturb nests, theme park visitors. Participants in a poolside orgy with easy access to water survive. The threat is averted when an enormous molasses tank catches fire. Chief bee catcher heads home to family, unaware of the hive in his roof. Stars Bill Parton, Rene Russo with clipboard, James Cromwell as the beekeeper (painful deaths).

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# A case of too much Freud

STANISLAWA PRZYBYSZEWSKA is not a name to conjure with. still less to spell with any confidence, in this country. But her massive, rambling 600-page dramatisation of the French revolution was the source both of the Andrzej Wajda movie Danton, and The Danton Affair by Pam Gems, produced by the RSC in 1985. While working on that piece, Gems became "fascinated by Przybyszewska's fascination. And by her." She is certainly an arresting pheno-menon. A young Polish woman who holed herself up alone in an unheated school but where, sustained only by her morphine addiction and hand-outs from a kindly aunt, she channelled her neurotic idealism into an obsessive study of

died of hypothermia. By far the best reason for seeing Janet Suzman's Sphinx production is the superlative central performance by Kath-

Robespierre and Danton. At the

tragically early age of 33, she

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pretty stodgy material. All bony fervour and haunted, staring eves, she sits at her desk scribbling frantically, and even if the characters she is writing about did not materialise around her, you would be convinced that here is a woman who lives more in a heightened dream of the past than in the comfortless present.

Hers is a movingly shaded characterisation. Brusquely dismissing charity from a wellheeled neighbour. Pogson lets you see how the high-minded Przybyszewska wavers, mesmerised by the warmth and scent of the proffered little luxuries. And there's an aching emotional neediness underlying her half-reproving, halfflirtatious relations with her demonic father, an avant-garde writer and alleged Satanist The play, though, is unsatis-

factory on two counts. The immemorial battle between the severe revolutionary purity and belief in perfectibility of a Robespierre and the generous-spirited indulgence of a Danton has been much more potently staged by writers from Büchner in Danton's Death to Trevor Griffiths in Who Shall Be Happy...?

And it doesn't help here that while Nigel Cooke brings just the right thin-lipped martinet quality to the "Sea-green incorruptible". Mark Lewis Jones reduces Danton to a blubbery, drunken boor. Secondly, if the play's intent is to celebrate Przybyszewska, it goes about it in a peculiar fashion. For its implication is that this feminist attitude to the two revolutionaries was almost wholly conditioned by Przybyszewska's own problems with her father whose identity, in an example of the often clunky dialogue, she

whose capacity for living "to the hilt" she emulates.

eventually discovers: "You don't mean Przybyszewsky the mean Przybyszewsky the dramatist, the novelist, friend of Edvard Munch, Strindberg - all those avantgarde artists, you mean?"

Accordingly, Robespierre, whom Przybyszewska was unusual in revering, represents the security her unstable background failed to give her, while her progressive antagonism to the rackety Danton mirrors her rejection of her wild, lawless father, who here makes a drunken attempt to rape and murder her

It's not that such links didn't exist, but that The Snow Pulacial is in danger of suggesting that. for a woman in Przybyszewska's position, objectivity and disinterestedness cannot and should not be expected. It seems hard that, after leading such an arduously idealistic life, she should be remembered, not as an independent creative intellect, but as a Freudian case study.

PAUL TAYLOR

# With friends like this...

ONCE UPON a time, before authors grew too chummy with their audiences, they were viewed as outlaws, exotic antiheroes, the sort of people who would shoot an apple off a spouse's head as a party trick and then, one day, blast half her face off. As that steely old beat William Burroughs once did. These weren't solid, dependable book-launch sort of people. Nowadays, authors are more like Paul Theroux, bank-managerial in appearance, chummy and full of anecdotes.

Theroux - tall, square-jawed, Clark Kentish, exuberantly spider-browed, was over from his pool in Massachusetts this week to explain to a gaggle of fairly tame enthusiasts at the National Theatre how he, the new-style, confiding sort, could possibly have written such a nasty book about a sometime friend called VS Naipaul.

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PAUL THEROUX LYTTELTON THEATRE RNT, LONDON

According to Theroux, the answer was simple: the book is brilliant, in concept and execution, and so there was no question of not writing it. There hasn't been a more searching exploration of the nature of friendship since Boswell scrutinised Johnson.

Theroux's reputation has taken a knock with this book. though. Auberon Waugh has called it disgusting, and even warned audiences to keep away from the event. Thousands came. But doubts still linger Could Theroux possibly have remembered all those conversations from the Sixties, or was there perhaps an ele-

perhaps of fabrication? What about, for example, that little girl of nine glimpsed in the book, the one who is said to have grown up to become Naipaul's wife 30 years later? Was that true or not? Theroux, smiling through clenched teeth. said that, well, sometimes, as the Russians know, a writer has to be an enchanter, and if it's not

true, it has to be true. Which,

perhaps, meant something to somebody bedded down some-

where in the permafrost. But wasn't the project a touch morally dubious? Wasn't he, in effect, hoping for a little reflected glory from a talent greater than his? Theroux hit back hard, though genially. "Look," he said, "I'm 57 years old now." What a body, what a survivor, we all thought. "I've published 33 books. I'm sitting

in Massachusetts one day.

ment of precis here, and even thinking: I can swim - but what else? What have I got to write? Then I'm given an idea. It's a gift, a Valentine, this story. I never expected I'd be able to do it. You can only write it when the friendship's over, not when it's in progress. And so I wrote it. I did it. His new wife didn't want me to write it. She said there was a biography on the way anyway. But I wanted to do it because no one has written this book about friendship. No one can do it, because I've done it!

It's my book!" I felt that in the face of such a bout of near hysterical selfjustification, the St John's Ambulance people might be called for, but, all of a sudden, he steadied himself. He stopped spitting bullets, and got back to the business in hand "And, I'm very happy to sign copies outside in the foyer.

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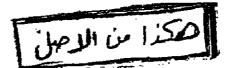
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# A world with a different set of goals

The World Cup was not all action on the pitch. Football fever also raged quietly, in downtrodden back

streets - and was caught on film. By Mike Higgins

raditionally, television dissolves into a nostalgic reverie at the year's end. Last week, however, the big broadcasters competed for our memories with particular aggression. Kicking off the retrospection season in an unseemly frenzy. the BBC and ITV transmitted within 24 hours of each other When England Played Argentina and Where Were You - their Identikit reminiscences of the night "our boys" went down to the old World Cup enemy. Both programmes were opportunistic hodgepodges; in each, admittedly thrilling footage from England's second-round World Cup

match was intercut with hastily

stitched-together recollections from

players, the usual reserves' bench

of celebrities and, silliest of all, a selection of "real fans". There's little doubt that television is the first medium to which we turn in order to feel part of an occasion as momentous as the World Cup. Nothing tastes worse, though, than egurgitated gobbets of a momentary national unity served up lukewarm by broadcasters months later. There is an alternative, however Tomorrow night, Come On England!, a Modern Times documentary, will show that there's an entirely Des Lynam-free way to contemplate the World Cup and what it meant for one

particular audience. simplicity itself. Over 50 minutes, we audiences battered into submission see 12-year-old Thomas watching the progress of his beloved England in his Everton home. He plays foot- aries are always eager to cite people hall with his friends in the surunding streets and discusses his Greams and ambitions on aimless walks with his father. There's no narration, no probing interviews and hardly any football. In fact, by the action-packed standards of the ubiquitous docusoap, virtually nothing happens. Instead, the eye is drawn, restlessly at first, and then inexorably, from the familiar images of

the world in which Thomas is growing up. Why are the streets in such a bad state of repair? Where are all the men? Is there nothing else for the kids to do than hang around on the sites of demolished houses? The ephemeral hysterics of the World Cup give way to the unspoken drama of life in one of the country's most deprived areas.

"To have gone to Everton, an extremely poor area of Britain, without that external narrative [the World Cup] would have made it more difficult for an audience to find a way in," insists the director of Come On England!, Richard Alwyn.

'Is the only way to make a film about post-industrial Britain to rub every fact in your audience's face?'

"The common memory and enjoyment of the football allows people to recognise themselves in a situation which, to a large number of viewers of documentary, is fundamentally alien." This isn't strictly true. Places Richard Alwyn's documentary is like Everton are all too familiar to by a certain type of television. Hardhitting news reports and documentsuch as Thomas and his singleparent family (his father is estranged from his mother) as handy

proof of certain social problems. No one was more aware of this than Thomas's mother. Though a "robust, strong woman" and "a real matriarchal figure in the community", according to Alwyn, she sadly remains a peripheral figure in the film, "Because it's a very hard area," Owen and Shearer flickering on the Alwyn believes, "it takes a long

family TV set to discreet clues about time for people to accept that you're not there on the usual agenda of drugs, crime, unemployment - the usual reasons why the media, with good intentions, come into areas like that. They [the inhabitants] more or less become a shorthand for the worst of post-industrial Britain."

> This isn't to say that Come On England! remains entirely mute on the subject of Everton's endemic poverty - otherwise, says Alwyn. he'd have made the film in Weybridge. He hopes that, while Thomas rides his bike in the local park or sits watching the England us Tunisia game with his father, certain standards of living the audience might take for granted will be conspicuously absent: "For those who look carefully, there are possible conclusions based on things which aren't overtly stated - there aren't many cars on the streets, for instance. Is the only way to make a film about post-industrial Britain to rub every fact in your audience's face?"

In its own gentle way. Alwyn's "hands off" approach works - it humanises his subjects even as it suggests their wants. Central to this human appeal is Thomas himself, a likeable, apparently happy child. Conversations between him and his father drift between England's next match, Dad's lack of money and the chances of the 12year-old making it as a footballer. There's not a hint, though, that the film ever scoffs at the chasm between the dreams the World Cup is nourishing and the altogether more prosaic destiny that probably awaits him. The film is often melancholic. But, as the delightful Stephane Grappelli sound-track acknowledges, it's also keen to convey the innocence of Thomas and his mates.

The occasion of the World Cup itself is an obviously recognisable peg for the audience, but the production team chose its subjects carefully and was rewarded for its forethought. Alwyn had had an idea that a young Liveroudlian, Michael Owen, might figure prominently in the compet-



The BBC's 'Come on England!', an entirely Des Lynam-free way to contemplate the World Cup

ition. Better still, another England star, Steve McManaman, is an old boy of Thomas's school. The easy identification of Thomas, his friends and indeed every football fan with their heroes owes a lot to a genre Alwyn dislikes.

Football has more in common with documentary soap than this film has." he believes. "Everyone felt they knew what [the World Cup] meant through Des Lynam - well chosen bits of opera and the drama on, off and around the pitch."

Not that Alwyn's football-phobic, by any means. Like tens of millions of others in this country, he thoroughly enjoyed the World Cup and its coverage - he just thought that the competition could be used to explore more universal themes. Much

the same is true of Alwyn's three to bear witness to a psychological criprevious films. However, what most obviously distinguish A Job For Life. A Pleasant Land and The Shrine from Come On England! are their darker premisses: respectively, the closure of the Grimethorpe colliery. the BSE crisis and the death of Diana. Princess of Wales.

Alwyn's ruminative, hypnotic style is apparent in all his work. Thanks to news coverage at the time, every-For Life and A Pleasant Land. Alwyn's aim, however, was to observe community" felt by the Grimethorpe miners and a small Dartmoor farming family. Fortunately, Alwyn was on hand at Kensington Palace in the aftermath of the death of Diana

sis on a nationwide scale. The result, The Shrine, was breathtaking. Ignoring the news media's ludicrous attempts instantly to gauge Diana's legacy, Alwyn chose to record the refused to leave Kensington Gardens for most of September.

commissioned Come On England! On England! - but if you invest time that Alwyn's leisurely film is rather different from the quick gratification that characterised last week's prime-time World Cup recollections. It's also true that tomorrow night's

documentary hasn't the impact of The Shrine. Nevertheless, it's an increasingly rare form of film-making and one whose pleasures are worth the viewing effort. Alwyn knows that the current broadcasting cliamazing thoughts, gestures and ac-mate demands bums on seats, but tions of the grief-stricken crowds that he's also sure that there's an audience out there for Come On England! He even takes heart from his Stephen Lambert, the editor who detractors: "One TV critic said she'd counsels patience: "You have to mentary in her life and if she wantwork to watch something like Come ed to watch Eastern European cinema she could emigrate. Which "an internal psychological crisis in in it, it will be rewarding." It's true I thought was a huge back-handed compliment - I was delighted!"

> 'Modern Times: Come On England!' will be shown on Tuesday,

# Grandest old masters of the Cuban rhythm method

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RUBEN GONZALEZ/ THE AFRO-CUBAN ALL STARS ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

AT ONE point at the Royal Festival Hall on Friday, it looked and sounded as though half of Havana was on stage. Aside from a Communist revolution, more Latin-orientated excitement is rather hard

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The veteran pianist Ruben Gonzalez kicked things off with a set of fragile and heart-stoppingly beautiful small-group Cuban dance music. Most salsa we get to hear comes via New York or Miami, and is packed with steroidal jazz and soul muscle. By contrast, Gonzalez's music is dignified and gentle, almost Lassical in its precision. A wiry miniature pianist only just short of 80, he has long been considered one of the island's national treasures, ever since making his name in the legendary Arsenio Rodriquez's early Forties line-up. But as a working musician, Gonzalez appeared to have been lost in the annals of Cuban musical history until the World Circuit record label introduced him to Ry Cooder and set them both on the road towards a Grammy award.

At the South Bank, he played with the profound wit and humanity which distinguish the musician in the Fifties with Pacho Alonso's touched by genius. His set was the highlight of the evening.

It should not be surprising that old men can make such vital and sexy music; but somehow it always is. Gonzalez's rhythm section looked as if they belonged in a scene from is Potter. They suddenly unleashed a warm tide of rhythm that you could bathe in like milk, while their faces



Dignified and geutle: veteran pianist Ruben Gonzalez

their seats but got their buttocks a party of special guests, including

The sprightly 72-year-old sonero Ibrahim Ferrer - he made his name group - was merely the icing on the cake, tender but compelling whenever he opened his mouth.

But this was just the start of a three-hour celebration of the sound of Cuba. The 16-piece Afro-Cuban All Stars, complete with five soneros and a brass section that could split the atom, were all flash and flamboyance after Gonzalez's aristocratic opening. This was music to remained completely uninvolved. dance to. People tried to move in

trapped between the arm rests, so they headed to the front of the hall to put on a display of British come-

The South Bank security looked alarmed, but it didn't rattle the All Stars. As the music grew steamier, an octogenarian sonero held his microphone to his crotch like an impressive silver-headed phallus and thrust it rhythmically toward the faces of the dancers. As if a band featuring the likes of Pio Leyva and "Cachaito" Lopez weren't enough,

the top trombonist Juan Pablo Torres, took to the seething stage at in-

Geraint Lewis

tervals throughout the night. Before World Circuit encouraged him to perform again. Ruben Gonzalez was sitting at home listening to the woodworm eat his piano. He was the first man to take to the Royal Festival Hall stage and the last one to leave it; and when he did he was mobbed by fans younger than his own grandchildren. When he returns, expect more magic.

LINTON CHISWICK

# Too massive for an attack

PERHAPS NO other band have become so popular and influentia! while remaining so unknown. Massive Attack are now such a big act that enough people to fill the cavernous London Arena - usually the exclusive preserve of big-haired pop starlets and glassy-eyed evangelists - are even prepared to venture out into the Huxley-esque theme park of London's docklands to see them play.

Massive Attack's music - a gloomy, dub-laden hybrid of hip hop and torch ballad; a sort of dance music you can't dance to - has been one of the defining motifs of the Nineties, resonating to all points between Portishead and Radiohead. Yet it's a safe bet that almost nobody here would recognise a member of the Bristol-based trio if they bumped into them outside.

When Daddy G, 3D and Mushroom wander on to the stage with their four-piece band, they look more like members of the road crew making last minute adjustments to the back line.

As soon as they start, kicking gently into "Superpredators", it occurs to me that the cheerless. modernist cityscape of Docklands might even be the best place for Massive Attack

Their music is the definitive sound-track for urban claustrophobia, at once as malevolent as security cameras and as soothing as advertising. There isn't a sound in Massive Attack's palette that is a great Friday night out. in the slightest bit organic or acoustic, and their best work still results from the tension between this artificial menace and the straightforward, heartfelt lyricism "Safe From Harm" and "Unfin- to hand. ished Sympathy".

During tonight's performance, as on Massive Attack's current. A version of this review appeared album, Mezzonine, several tracks in the later editions of Saturday's are sung by the former Cocteau paper

LONDON ARENA DOCKLANDS Twins vocalist, Elisabeth Fraser.

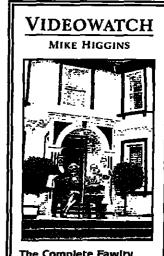
Fraser is an astute choice of collaborator: not only did the Cocteaus negotiate a similar career path of immense influence coupled with anonymity, but if Massive Attack's driving aim is to locate a human heartbeat beneath the Sturm und Drang of modern living, then there's no more appropriate voice.

Fraser's indecipherably ecstatic warble remains a wholly pure entity, irresistibly evocative of flowery-haired waifs skipping merrily around a maypole. "Teardrop" is the night's high point by a clear margin, Massive Attack and Fraser between them accomplishing pretty much everything that has ever been claimed by her admirers on behalf of Kate Bush.

However, while the majesty and importance of Massive Attack's records is beyond any reasonable doubt, they're still not an entirely satisfying experience as a live act. It may be that there's not much they can do about this - when you make music informed largely by loneliness and paranoia, it's always going to be uphill work to make it really happen in a vast concrete barn, full of people trying to have

It's difficult, while watching Massive Attack performing "Spying Glass, "Rising Son" and "Karmacoma", not to wish that you were hearing these songs at home. exemplified by early hits, such as alone, with a decent bottle of red

ANDREW MUELLER



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JOHN CLEESE and his then-wife, Connie Booth, only wrote 12 episodes of this superb sit-com. It's one of those facts which is often cited whenever another re-run appears on television. Another one is that Basil, and the creation as a whole, was inspired by a trip Cleese and a few of the Monty Python team made to a Torquay hotel in 1971. The hotel was reportedly The Gleneagles, but any resemblance between the incredibly bad-tempered manager they encountered and the proprietor of Fawlty Towers is, of course, purely coincidental.

It hardly seems worth re-iterating that this is one of the great sit-coms, so here are a few other production titbits. Cleese and Booth only wrote the second series after the immense success of the first six episodes. They both thought that there was nothing left in the idea and, besides, their marriage was on the skids. Fawlty Towers also proved to be that rare beast - an English sit-com which was a success in its original form in the US.

# NETWORK

# Animated for the big screen

A British computer imaging company has developed a production system to take on Hollywood, Antz and all. By Meg Carter

t may not sound like the revolution, but in leafy

take on Hollywood. Productions (PGP) is putting in place the final pieces of a computer generated image (CGI) production company which, it hopes, will be the most advanced - and, as important, cost-effective - in Europe.

Kingston, a young computer animation company is preparing to angled sheet of partially mirake on Hollywood. rored glass for a trick later
After two years of unpub-known as "Pepper's Ghost". licised research and development, Pepper's Ghost minded aim. "We want to move fused to take on lucrative TV CGI out of its box and to make it appealing to a far broader audience by combining it with drama and art," the managing director, Paul Michael, explains.

The company now has twin

I closed notwork is a contradiction in terms

The company is named after stations running 3DS Max 2.5 obvious setting for a Professor John Henry Pepper windows-based graphics packwho, in 1862, astonished the ages, motion capture and sound studio facilities, and a Silicon Graphics workstation for video-compositing. Its staff of 30 includes directors, producers, writers, artists and animators.

> commercials of title sequence work for fear of being diverted by the growing popularity of CGI in movies - such as Toy Story, DreamWorks' current

vogue on TV for traditional animation aimed at adults, PGP is now developing a number of broadcast projects using CGL One is Tiny Planets, a series

to teach pre-school children about the world; another is The A to Z of Family Life - an adult sitcom about a retired suburban couple. The company is also planning a series from its true goal. Spurred on of dramatised classic poems.

"To date, few computergenerated TV series have been seen in the UK," says PGP's blockbuster Antz, and Disney's executive creative director,

A Bug's Life - and the current Richard Morss. "And what has made it to air - the UKproduced Reboot, and Insector which was produced in France - has been aimed at kids. We want to make it more accept-able to a wider TV audience, with sitcoms and dramas."

Look upon my works, ye mighty, and despair! - PGP is planning a series of dramatised classic poems

Satisfying broadcasters' expectations is not easy. "While they are crying out for new and original programming and are keen to capitalise on the growing popularity of CGI, they don't like much of what they see," adds Alan Marques, PGP's head of digital production.

Although the cost of digital production technology continues to fall, working within a broadcast budget is as much about effective management of the production as about the right software - which is where PGP is confident it can win.

From the beginning, we wanted to tell stories," explains Sir Peter Michael, Paul's father and the company's chairman and chief executive. "It's a vision I've had for some time, although for many years there wasn't the technology to do it on a sensible budget."

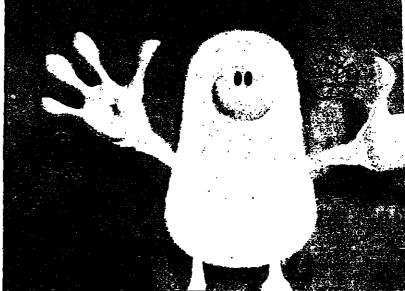
Sir Peter secured an initial nvestment of £5m from Studio. This allows quick and pean CGI will I backers, including himself, easy access to any other ele-Lord Lloyd-Webber, and Brian ment of the production at what-Brolly, former chief executive of ever stage and can also analyse the Really Useful Company. which parts of the production do want to do t Getting the business up and

running, however, was always going to be a phased affair. latest motion "The ability to make it a true industry here depends not only on producing quality production at generated cha the right cost and on time, but also on companies like ourselves being able to make a business out of it," he explains.

This, however, is easier said is then applie than done - as a number of other computer graphics companies have learnt to their cost. effective in pro Which is why a good part of Pepper's Ghost's two-year R&D process was spent developing a sophisticated digital production management system, PG convinced that

could be made more efficient.

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The CGI programme 'Tiny Planets' will teach young children about the worl

ANDY OLDFIELD BRITAIN, GERMANY, Japan and 33 other nations last week followed the lead of the US by agreeing to limit the strength of

encryption software that companies in those countries are allowed to export. The US Undersecretary of Commerce. David Aaron, said that encryption technology used to protect intellectual property would be exempt

The countries are all signatories to the Wassenaar Arrangement limiting arms exports. The US government controls the export of encryption software using arms control legislation at the behest of security organisations who claim that unfettered use of strong encryption would

from the controls.

help criminals. Each country will draft its own legislation to implement the agreement.

MICROSOFT HAS consistently told the press that the anti-trust case brought against it by the Department of Justice is ill-conceived and ought to be dropped. Last week it even took

out full-page advertisements in American newspapers to say that the trial was irrelevant and that the marketplace takes care of consumers better and more quickly than the government ever can That theme was taken

up and expanded on by the chief executive, Bill Gates, at a conference in New York "This kind of lawsuit is something no one should have to go

through," he said. "We are in a business that is very, very competitive, so there's a lot of ironies from having the distractions of a government lawsuit particularly one that seeks to restrict our ability to

innovate our products." In court in Washington, the vice-president of Sun Microsystems and inventor of its Java language, James Gosling, took the stand. Sun complained that Microsoft had tried to destroy Java as a technology that could challenge the Windows operating system monopoly.

Microsoft denied the claims, saying that its implementation of Java was better and faster than Sun's. It pointed out that even Sun's allies had abandoned "pure Java", and that Sun had allowed it to ship its products while seeking to stop Microsoft from doing so.

**EUROPEAN UNION** ministers have failed to resolve a dispute over a draft EU directive on how to handle the technology used to create secure electronic signatures for authenticating Internet transactions.

France, Germany and Italy, with support from Austria and Portugal, argued for regulations to build consumer confidence. Britain, Finland, Sweden and the Netherlands said this should be left to the

market. Martin Bangemann, the European Commissioner responsible for information technology,

said the call for re was misplaced becould cause trade and did not recogn quickly technology

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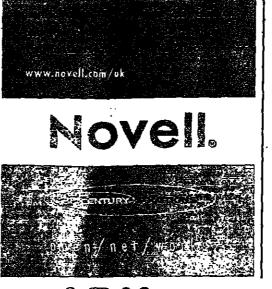
UNIX COMPREHEN out-performed Win NT in tests carried a market research company, DH Broy finished last behind variants of the Unix operating system.

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# Political activism goes online

Sit-ins and marches are old hat. Civil disobedience is becoming electronic, but governments are wising up. By Matthew Burgess

come the latest forum for direct political activism. Over the last few months, Net-based organisations have shown that "electronic civil disobedience"

can achieve newsworthy results. The principal weapon in their electronic arsenal is "mobile code" - any Java or Active X-style applet that "pushes" files on to your computer Once inside, the code can access your computer's innards in the same way as any other application. These are the Stealth bombers of e-conflict: small, efficient and extremely difficult to detect.

A few weeks ago, Electronic Disturbance Theatre (EDT), a Mexican political group allied to the pro-Zapatista movement, launched a Java-based attack on several websites: the Frankfurt tock Exchange, the Pentagon, and the site of the President of Mexico. The applet, activated when casual surfers visited the EDT page, subjected the targets to "denial-of-service" attacks, which would - if successful have prevented access to any of their password-protected files.

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EDT announced the planned date of its supposed raid, leading observers to believe that it was more of a publicity stunt than a serious attempt to penetrate the Pentagon. However, the method of attack holds serious implications for the "innocent" Web surfer. The target regards the bostile applet as having originated on the visitor, rather than the ited site. Anyone logging on to such a site therefore could, theoretically, be held responsible for his or her inadvertent actions.

The EDT campaign marks the an Active X control that skimmed Being object-orientated and easy first time a Java applet has been used in a live "cyber-attack" by techno-literate political rebels ~ the first instance of electronic civil disobedience. The group says more attacks are planned.

Less than a week later, the online news service news.com reported a similar offensive against the website of Sweden's main opposition party. With an election imminent, the hackers sabotaged a portrait of the Moderate Party's leader, Carl Bildt, a former Swedish prime minister.

As well as direct action, the Internet is a useful tool for political activists. In Indonesia, student protests have been co-ordinated

from customer websites. The group publicly demonstrated how millions of pounds could be transtheir account using mobile code.

Fortunately, there are several methods of defence against such intrusions. The easiest way to combat mobile code interference is to configure the browser to block all incoming applets, a solution currently being adopted by many US organisations in the wake of the EDT's activities. However, this poses a significant challenge to the developers of e-commerce applications, which rely on mobile code functions. Web

EDT's action was the first time that a Java applet had been used in a 'cyber attack' by techno-literate political rebels

across campuses by e-mail and Web-based news groups.

Mobile code attacks are not exclusively directed at commercial or political organisations. During the summer of 1998, hackers attacked the free Internet email service Hotmail, embedding JavaScript code in E-mail messages. When the victim opened the message, the JavaScript code created an apparently legitimate dialogue box that asked the user to log in again to the Hotmail account. Users who entered their names and passwords ended up sending that confidential information to the intruder.

The Chaos Club, a German hacker group, also programmed sites can also suffer under such restrictions - almost 80 per cent contain some form of mobile code.

Specialised security programs, such as SurfinGate from the US security specialist Finjan (http:// www.finjan.com), can automatically block hostile applets by detecting suspect activities. When tested with the same ZapNet Tactical code that was launched by the EDT, SurfinGate's security content inspection processes were triggered by the applet's attempts to access network connections.

Finjan is speculating that mobile code "misuse" could be to the late Nineties what the macro virus was to the mid-Eighties.

personal banking information to use, mobile code does not require the same technical knowthe scope for damage is far higher ferred from bank accounts to A recent report by the US software analyst house Hurwitz (http://www.hurwitz.com.) concluded: "The market for the prevention of malicious applets is in its infancy... it will begin to mature as more destructive applets are found and the nature of the problem becomes more

Despite rising hysteria over its

widely recognised."

misuse, however, the majority of mobile code applications are positive. The potential exists for mobile code "weapons" to become an important tool for tracking illegal Net activity, as illustrated by a recent moneymaking scam. Visitors to a pornographic site inadvertently triggered a piece of Active X code that used their desktops to dial long-distance calls to Moldavia, racking up huge phone bills. Telephone companies were forced to nullify more than \$2m in phone charges, and more than 38,000 "enthusiasts" were affected. If a similar principle were applied to child porn sites, for example, such users could be closely monitored.

Of course, this could have farreaching implications regarding Internet privacy. Programmers at Within Reach Software took an existing attack program called Back Orifice and designed a Java applet that could deliver it to desktops. Once inside the desktop, Back Orifice can access and use anything the typical user can.

With hard drive contents open to such scrutiny, it looks as though time is running out for even the most casual electronic offender.



Anti-government protesters in Indonesia have co-ordinated demonstrations by e-mail and the Internet

### My Technology: Simon Munnery and his Technical Comedy Props

# My controller fits like a glove

IT HAS been a long evolution. About four years ago my act involved a slide projector, and a microphone with buttons that worked the projector, and a box of three Walkmans that produced sounds - drumming, clapping and music. It suited the act and made a bit of a show. Why not?

comic character was, a megalomaniac, so the clapping and drumming was as if heralding in the big personality. And when I worked as Alan Parker - Urban Warrior, I would do skits with placards, with words and drawings. I like visual jokes. In comedy you are restricted visually, compared to theatre for instance. But these tricks of the trade were unsatisfactory; touting around a lot of props becomes a chore and even when I used a slide projector, it was particularly difficult. thousands of images; they can be stored on the computer and manipulated with ease.

The images initially came out of a Psion3A, which is a tiny, hand-held computer. I got a circuit chip from Tandy that interprets and converts the dial tones emitted by the Psion. I have mastered electronics from reading books.

The chip converts the dial tones into signals that operate relays. The Psion could operate the slide projector and Walkmans. It took lots of wires and I used it only once because it was completely unreliable - every time the Psion sent the beep somewhere in

Now I basically control the computer with the Glove of Power. The glove was originally a radio-controlled car component from Woolworths. I took the car bits off and attached the electronics inside to a computer keyboard, so I

comic skit doesn't come without mishaps. Two years ago, in Edinburgh, Sony lent me a projector, but when we connected it to the computer it crashed after about half an hour. We didn't know exactly when this would happen. More worryingly, we didn't know why, and you couldn't cover it up! The screen would flash with an error sign, there'd be a pause, then I'd try

to cover with comedy. I also use a self-filming camera. I basically stuck a camera to the back of a mirror and put together the video cable from the camera, the



Simon Munnery uses the Glove of Power to control his computer sounds and images

I can switch between the computer and the camera. "I am TV" is not my bid for the Eddie Izzard market. As far as I am concerned, no one has made television properly, and I will learn by making it live in front of an audience. I am projected on to a big screen, and the computer-generated images and graphics.

The audience can see me if they want, but it's a much bigger and brighter image of me on the screen. The crucial difference is that most comedgoing to film myself and cut ians have got used to holding

power supply and a switch so between the film of myself a microphone and using it, not I know into it, as well. I am a camera. They are like sheep. But with the camera, they can play stadiums; a microphone amplifies your voice; a

> The response is laughter on good nights, weeping on bad. But I have talked myself into this, and talked everyone else

camera amplifies a face.

Simon Munnery's League Against Tedium' is at the ICA. The Mall, London SW1 on 9 & 16 December (0171-930 3647)

> INTERVIEW BY JENNIFER RODGER

# Cyber smile is here to stay

ALMOST SINCE day one of the Web, the big promise has always been "in a few months we'll have multimedia just like CD-roms." We still don't have anything approaching the multimedia that can be delivered through a CD-rom, but there are a few contenders: RealAudio and QuickTime can deliver video and audio, though there has yet to be a suitable or standard way to control these formats in a web environment.

For example, let's say you had video, text and music that you wanted to run on a Web page. There would be no way to have the music start, then five seconds later have the text appear, then, after the text has appeared, start the video. The html simply cannot handle these complex tasks.

I recently downloaded the Star Wars trailer (http://www.starwars. com). A little more than 2 minutes of medium-quality QuickTime video took up 24meg of disk space and required a good 15 minutes to download on a T1 connection. On anything slower than a 56K modem, forget about it.

In an effort to tackle these problems, the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) has created a new mark-up language especially for multimedia: the Synchronised Multimedia Integration (SMIL). SMIL is a W3C recommendation that came out earlier this year

(http://www.w3.org/AudioVideo). SMIL is the html for creating multimedia events on the Web. As html does with text and graphics. SMIL uses tags to help define all aspects of how your media files, audio, video, text, and still graphics should be laid out on the screen, and can create hyperlinks between different elements. While html is great if you want

to lay out text and static graphics, it is not very good at presenting multimedia. In order to create robust and complex multimedia you need a new system of mark-up tags designed specifically to deal with the problems of multimedia. including layout, chronology, bandwidth and file format. SMIL provides Web designers

with exacting control over the layout of a multimedia document through Cascading Style Sheets-(http://www. positioning independent.co.uk/net/980421ne/ story4.html). CSS-P is used to define individual elements on the page that can be positioned, re-

positioned, shown, moved, removed, or replaced as needed. The main difference is in how this code is created. Rather than being placed inside of a <STYLE> tag, SMIL uses the <LAYOUT> Web Design



**JASON** Cranford. TEAGUE

then be used to manipulate these regions as desired.

However, more than the ability to move the elements around, multimedia requires to be able to synchronise the various elements

If you have ever worked with multimedia programs such as Director and Flash, or if you come from a movie or television background, you are probably already familiar with the concept of the time line. Time lines co-ordinate the ways in which the various pieces of a multimedia production work together chronologically.

SMIL includes several tags that allow Web designers to dictate when, where and how the multimedia content is presented. You can set when each of the media clips should start and stop, their duration, and whether they loop: and you can also synchronise them together so that they run simultaneously. This is accomplished with simple attributes in html-like tags.

SMIL is now a recommended standard by the W3C and it is likely to be adapted by all major players in the World Wide Web game.

At first SMIL may seem complicated, especially if you have to wade through the turgid W3C SMIL specification (http://www. w3.org/TR/REC-smil).

I must admit that I was highly sceptical, However, SMIL is boiled down to fairly simple mark-up tags, much like html. If you can understand how html works, SMIL is not much more difficult.

SMIL is worth keeping an eye on in the coming months. Whether it catches on or not will depend on whether it is supported by the major browsers, and, more important, whether or not you use it in your designs.

Jason Cranford Teague (indy webdesign@mindspring.com) is the author of DHTML for the World Wide Web', which is currently available at bookshops, tag to define different regions on both real and virtual, across the the screen. Other SMIL tags can United Kingdom

# An age-old trade at the cutting edge

MY FRIEND Roger and I are headed south on Route 101 from Silicon Valley, passing fields full of migrant workers labouring frantically against a fast approaching storm. The difference between the "haves" and "have nots" is palpable as we glide past in our \$50,000 Jeep.

We're headed to San Luis Obispo to lecture a university computer graphics class about the technological future. Roger, definitely a hi-tech "have", tries to even the score by teaching. It's a seven-hour drive twice a month. Roger's been doing it for three years, without pay, at a state school where students tend to be of modest means.

His big concern this year is his lesson plan. He prepared it in August, and now, in November, he complains that the lecture has lost its relevance in the three months since he wrote it. It's the first time in the three

years that he's had this problem. Hi-tech is high-speed. Roger's problem is that he's a hi-tech heavyweight, at the leading edge of computer graphics. He knows about as much about the field as anyone in the world, and he's having a hard time figuring out what to tell a bunch of kids.

For my part, I'm mentally trying to make my way through the e-commerce tangle. I've been looking at pornography lately - that's the topic, not the material. Porn has been a kind of validator of every new medium. The cognitive psychologist Steven Pinker says that porn is an offshoot of what proved to be a successful reproductive tactic by males who had evolved to be hunter-gatherers. By engaging in sex as frequently as possible, with as many partners as possible, they ensured that at least some children would beat

the odds and survive,



GULKER pornographers have

History shows us that unerringly picked the winning media

Stephen Hawking notes that our internal genome changes by only a few bits per millennium. while our external environment is changing at an ever accelerating pace. Pornography, says Pinker, happens when slow, robust, Darwinian processes collide with fast, external ones.

Historically, pornographers have unerringly picked winning media: they picked VHS when videotape appeared, even though Beta's high quality and short run-time better suited skin epics. Ribald tales were among the first fruits of Gutenberg's press, and the pin-up picture was an early product of the process of photography. So perhaps it's significant that porn has flourished on the Internet. And in an era where sexual contact with others can be fatal, perhaps there's something to be said for

Scholars at Carnegie Mellon University did a 1995 study about online porn. They arrived at an understanding of the dynamics driving the online porn industry. They discovered that the Internet strategy of giving things

auto-eroticism: it s safe sex.

away free works very well. The leading online pornography business emerged in 1995 after tripling its business by posting free samples in Usenet newsgroups.

The study concluded that the market leader had succeeded not by technological mastery, but by old-fashioned shrewdness. The concern in question figured out what types of pornography were in shortest supply, obtained the goods and then spread the word, widely and inexpensively, on the Net. Their achievement landed management in prison. but that's a separate issue from the business case. Interestingly, success was

based both on an ancient principle - supply and demand and an ancient urge. While it's probably best for Roger not to lecture his class about the pornography trade, there may be a valuable lesson here.

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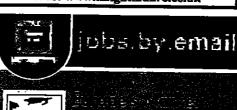
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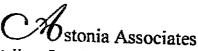
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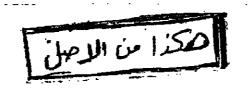
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Starring: Magda Szubanski, James Cromwell,

follow-up to 1995's Babe tosses the hapless 'sheep-pig" into the midst of the city where he becomes the unlikely saviour of a bunch of waifs. Knockabout comedy is kept to a minimum in favour of a bleak animatronic fairytale that verges on the sadistic. Adults should go a bundle on Miller's skewed, carnival ambience. What kids will make of it is anyone's guess.

West End: ABC Baker Street, ABC Tottenham Court Road, Barbican Screen, Clapham Picture House, Elephant & Castle Coronet, Empire Leicester Square, Hammersmith Virgin, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch. Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys. Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero

DANCING AT LUGHNASA (PG) Director: Pat O'Connor

Starring: Meryl Streep, Michael Gambon, Kalhy Burke

Less a dance, more of a trudge, O'Connor's Irelandset saga pinpoints the ebb and flow of an eccentric Catholic family in deepest Donegrl. What gives it backbone is Meryl Streep's regal performance as the brood's eldest sister, plus the ever-watchable Michael Gambon as the homecoming brother. But it's not enough, and its static, stage-play origins are all too readily apparent. West End: Curzon Mayfair, Screen on the Hill

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE (U) Director: Frank Capra

Starring: James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel

Capra's festive bauble is a lot darker and more complex than it is generally given credit for being. with James Stewart's labouring everyman shown how dreary his hometown would have been had he never been born, before returning merrily to his Joblike existence. Its syrupy sentimentality contains a thick vein of bile, and at the day's end this is the making of the film; turning it into a bittersweet salute to the little man who makes a big difference. West End: Curzon Soho, Gate Notting Hill, Phoenix Cinema, Ritzy Cinema

ON CONNAIT LA CHANSON (PG)

Director: Alain Resnais Starring: Pierre Arditi, Sabine Azema Love him or loathe him, Last Year at Marienbad auteur Resnais is a queer fish. Four years after the

Continental breakfast he made of Alan Avekbourn's Smoking/No Smoking comes this rattling merry-go-round of romantic intrigue, "inspired by the work of Dennis Potter", and featuring a lot of Potter-esque lip-synching to popular French show tunes. West End: Chelsea Cinema Renoir

RUSH HOUR (15) Director: Brett Ratner

Starring: Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker,

Tom Wilkinson Rush Hour marries the Hong Kong action icon Jackie Chan with an LA backdrop, a jobbing Hollywood director (Money Talks' Ratner) and a wisecracking black comic in Chris Tucker's huckstering LAPD man, Its caffeinated plotline sends Easterner and Westerner on the trail of a Chinese crime syndicate and oscillates wildly between Tucker's verbal dexterity and Chan's adrenalised physicality. It's a hit-and-miss affair.

West End: Elephant & Castle Coronet. Hammersmith Virgin, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Ödeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Plaza, Ritzu Cinema, UCI Whiteleus, Viroin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End

TWILIGHT (15)

West End: Plaza

Director: Robert Benton Starring: Paul Newman, Susan Sarandon, Gene

Hackman Twilight reunites Newman with his Nobody's Fool collaborator Benton for a zimmer-framed film noir which has the former's ageing gumshoe moving in with movie-star buddy Hackman and uncovering a skeleton in the family closet. While this is predictable stuff, muscular acting from a practised cast moves it along nicely.

YEAR OF THE HORSE (15)

Director: Jim Jamiusch

Starring: Neil Young and Crazy Horse Jarmusch's documentary on Neil Young and Crazy Horse is respectful but never reverential, swinging between bracing live footage, robust interviews and discerning dips back into the archive. As a man, though, Young remains oddly oblique and unknowable, loitering in the background for most of the off-stage segments. He's content to let his music do the talking. West End: ABC Piccadilly, Renoir

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**BLADE** (18)

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Matonous arcade game thriller about a New York vampire-killer tackling a power-crazed new bloodsucker. West End: Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch. Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Trocadero. Warner Village West End

**DEAD MAN'S CURVE (15)** 

The students at writer-director Dan Rosen's American college are trying to butcher each other, led into temptation by an obscure regulation that awards straight A-grades to the rooms nates of suicides. Though not as nasty as

quota of shocks. West End: Metro, Virgin Trocadero

ELIZABETH (15) Shekhar Kapur's follow-up to Bondit Queen is the story of a female struggling to gain purchase in a male world. Kapur largely neglects the chance for fun in a story of independence triumphing over cruelty. West End: Odeon Haymarket, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Mezzanine, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Virgin Fulham Road

THE EXORCIST (25TH ANNIVERSARY RERELEASE) (18)

The Express is a creature conditioned by rumour an hearsay, its legend swelling in the 25 years since its release. But William Friedkin's horror is still terrifying. West End: Clapham Picture House, Ritzy Cinema, Warner Village West End

FEAR AND LOATHING IN LAS VEGAS (18) THE PHILADELPHIA STORY (U) Terry Gilliam's adaptation tilts at Ralph Steadman cartoonery for its tale of a drug-fuelled iournalistic assignment. The film soon descends into a carnival of narcotic lunacy, and the one stand-out is Johnny Depp who brings Hunter S A tired espionage thriller about a gang of Thompson into bald-headed, pigeon-toed life. West End: ABC Baker Street, Empire Leicester Square, Odeon Camden Town, Virgin Haymarket

Mix Twelve Monkeus with Four Weddings and a Fineral and you'd get Maria Ripoll's dreadful Also-Spanish comedy about a dumped boyfriend who is transported back in time by mysterious ROUNDERS (15) Spanish dustmen. West End: Odeon Mezzonine

LEFT LUGGAGE (PG)

Jeroen Krabbe's first stab as a director results in an uncertain soap opera, focusing on the ebbs Chelsea, Warner Village West End and flows within a Hasidic family in 1970s Holland. Fitful as drama, the film comes to life as a showcase for its high-profile performers and newcomer Laura Fraser West End: ABC Swiss Centre, teenage years in the outskirts of Beverly Hills lacks Curzon Minema, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Phoenix the wit of The Ice Storm and Boogie Nights. But Cinema, Screen on Baker Street

LOCK, STOCK & TWO SMOKING

Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels' defining VICTORY (15) characteristic is its resilient morality. The picture is peopled by thugs, both amateur and professional. Young Eddy, who comes unstuck in a high-stakes card-game, falls into the former category; but End: ABC Panton Street, Clapham Picture House Hatchet Harry, to whom he owes £500,000, is an old-school pro. West End: Odeon Kensington, THE WISDOM OF CROCODILES (15) Of m Mezzanine, Warner Village West End

enormous film and it's as traditional as literary Avenue, Clapham Picture House

adaptations come these days. It's earnest, differential and almost humourless. West End: Odeon West End

MULAN (U)

In Disney's animated feature, a girl disguises Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, herself as a soldier to spare her father from combat. This has got it all. A pro-active heroine; a strong father/daughter relationship; honour and nobility, and, of course, cross-dressing. It's also visually innovative. West End: Hammersmith Virgin, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Mezzanine, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadero, WarnerVillage West End

MY NAME IS JOE (15)

See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Ritzy Cinemo, Screen on the Green. Virgin Chelsea, Vîrain Harmarket

THE NEGOTIATOR (15)

Samuel L Jackson and Kevin Spacey go head to head in Gray's thrilling drama. The script has a predilection for lunk-headed swearing that sounds uneasy in the mouths of such articulate. rhetorical performers. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Hammersmith Virgin, Notting Hill Coronet, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Marble Arch, UCI Whiteleys. Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End

OUT OF SIGHT (15)

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As civilised and graceful as any romantic comedy ever made. West End: Curzon Soho

mercenaries in pursuit of a mysterious suitcase. As the leader of the gang, Robert De Niro does his blank-faced, gristle-chewing act. As dull as ditch-water. West End: Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington. Odeon Leicester Square. Odeon Marble Arch. Odeon Swiss Cottage, Odeon West End, UC! Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road

John Dahl's poker-club thriller is not a grand comeback for the director of The Last Seduction but it's certainly an improvement on the eminently forgetiable Unforgettable. West End: Virgin

Tamara Jenkins's fictionalised account of her own her impeccable sense of comic timing is enhanced by a superb central performer in Alan Arkin. West End: ABC Shaftesbury Avenue, Ritzy Cinema

A Conrad adaptation which takes us to a sleazy hotel in the South Seas, and provides some safe, literary acting from Simon Callow and friends. West

Jude Law plays a vampire who wines and dines his victims. An attempt to give an adult twist to a Bille August turns Victor Hugo's novel into an West End: ABC Ponton Street, ABC Shoftesbury THE FIVE BEST FILMS

This tale of love on opposite sides of the law from director Steven Soderbergh manages to knock spots off every previous Elmore Leonard adaptation, and boasts in George Clooney and Jennifer Lopez the most romantic pairing of the cinematic year.

Out of Sight (15)

Computer-animated comedy voiced by a stellar east stars Woody Allen as a worker ant who becomes an unlikely opponent of the colony's totalitarian regime. Good fun, and Allen's best work in a while.

- humour, indignation, emotional sympathy driven by Peter Mullan's scary, intense performance as a recovering alcoholic.

by a fine international cast (Robert De Niro, Jean Reno, Stellan Skarsgard), moody French locations and a clutch of supercharged car chases.

The Fountainhead (PG; Curzon Soho, NFT)

Gary Cooper (above) plays a visionary architect who refuses to buckle under mob pressure in King Vidor's astonishing adaptation of the Avn Rand novel. Patricia Neal smoulders opposite him.

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A witty, hearthreaking fantasia by Tom Stoppard on the twin passions of AE Housman, scholarship and an unavailable heterosexual friend.

Love Upon the Throne National Theatre of Brent

The Charles and Diana story (well, up to the divorce) presented by the NTB (all two of them). Very funny and oddly touching,

Spiriting Kalka to suburban England, this hilarious

romp by Alan Bennett survives some peculiar casting in Peter Half's revival.

Kafka's Dick Piccadilly Theatre

Crucible Theatre, Sheffield perfectly thought-through production Michael Grandage evokes an Illyria where storms rage as much within as without.

**Twelfth Night** 

Richard III RSC. Cardiff New Theatre Charismatic Robert

(right) Lindsay limps rings round the other characters

Shakespeare's play.

in Elijah Moshinsky's gripping production of

PAUL TAYLOR

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Mirror Image National Gallery

A magpie's delight. Jonathan Miller curates a show of mirrors and shiny surfaces in painting, with virtuoso reflections from Van Eyek's Arnolfini portrait to Helen Chadwick's Lanitas. To 13 Dec

Louise Bourgeois Serpentine Gallery Autobiographical installations from the surrealist sculptress feature a giant mother/spider presiding over images of spinning and weaving, restoration and decay. To 10 Jun

**Bridget Riley** Abbott Hall,

Kendai A retrospective of Bridget Riley's work from her early Sixties Op Art, moving from rippling monochromes to colour. stripes and diagonals.

To 31 Jan Edward

**Burne-Jones** Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

The people's Pre-Raphaelite centenary exhibition gathers together many favourites such as King Cophenia and the Beggar Maid. To 17 Jun

Chris Ofili Whitworth Gallery, Manchester Turner Prize winner Ofili (above) is an upbeat original, his surfaces dense and decorative, with swirls of dots, eyes, Afros and black icons, and incorporating balls of elephant dung. To 24 Jan

**CINEMA** WEST END

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ABC PICCADILLY (0171-287 4322 (from 1pm)  $\Theta$  Piccadilly Circus Hamam: The Turkish Bath 1.25pm, 3.50pm, 6.10pm, 8.35pm Year of The Horse 1.20pm, 3.50pm, 6.10pm, 8.30pm

**ABC SHAFTESBURY AVENUE** (0870 9020402) & Leicester Square Slums of Beverty Hills 1.30pm, 3.50pm, 6.25pm, 8.55pm The Wisdom of Crocodiles 1.05pm, 3.25pm, 5.50pm, 8.25pm

**ABC SWISS CENTRE** (0870 9020403) & Leicester Square/Piccadilly Circus Angel Sharks 1.30pm, 3.25pm, 5.20pm. .15pm, 9.10pm The Governess 1.45pm. 4.05pm, 6.25pm, 8.45pm Left Luggage 1.30pm. 4.35pm, 6.45pm, 8.55pm La Vie Revée Des Anges 1.25pm, 3.45pm, 6.05pm, 8.25pm

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(0990-888990) & Queensway Babe: Pig In The City 4pm, 4.50pm, 6.10pm, 7.20pm. 4.50pm, 6.10pm, 7.20pm, 9.50pm Blade 3.40pm, 6.30pm. 9pm The Negodator 3.30pm, 6.20pm, 9.10pm Out of Sight 3.10pm, 6pm, 8.50pm Primary Colors 8.40pm Ronin 6.50pm.

**VIRGIN CHELSEA** 

VIRGIN FULHAM ROAD Elizabeth 2pm, 5.30pm, 8.20pm The Negotiator 12.40pm, 3.30pm, 6.20pm, 8.50pm A Perfect Murder 2.30pm, 5.50pm, 8.40pm Ronin 1.20pm, 4pm, 6.40pm, 9.20pm There's Something About Mary 2.15pm,

VIRGIN HAYMARKET (0870-9070712) © Piccadilly Circus Fear And Loathing In Las Vegas 12.45pm, 3.20pm, 6pm. 8.35pm My Name Is Joe 12.55pm, 3.30pm, 6.10pm. 8.45pm There's Something About Macul 12.20pm, 2.10pm, 2.20pm

Mary 12.30pm, 3.10pm, 8.30pm A.40pm, 6.40pm, 8.50pm Babe:
Pig in The City 1pm. 3.20pm,
5.40pm, 8pm Blade 12.10pm,
3pm, 5.50pm, 8.40pm Mean
Gurs 9pm The Negotiator 2pm,
5.30pm, 8.30pm, 0ut of Sight

WARNER VILLAGE WEST END (0171-437 4343) ↔ Leicester Square Blade 1.20pm, 4pm. 5.40pm, 9.20pm The Exorcist (25th Anniversary Rerelease) 12.30pm, 3.20pm, 6pm, 8.40pm Lethal Weapon 4 11.50pm, 2.30pm, 5.20pm, 8.10pm Lock, 2.30pm, 5.20pm, 6.10pm Lb2k, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 1.20pm, 3.40pm, 6.20pm, 8.50pm Mulan 11.20am The Negotiator 12.10pm, 2.30pm, 3.10pm, 6.10pm, 8.30pm, 9.10pm A Perfect Murder 1.10pm, 3.50pm, 6.20pm Sopp Separators E.E.Gorn, 6.30pm, 9pm Rounders 5.55pm Rush Hour 12,50pm, 1.50pm. 3.20pm, 4.20pm, 5.50pm, 7pm,

> CINEMA LONDON LOCALS

ACTON PARK ROYAL WARNER VILLAGE 8.55pm Babe: Pig In The City 1.30pm. 2.40pm, 3.50pm, 5.05pm, 6.05pm, 7.20pm, 8.20pm Blade 1pm, 4pm, 6.40pm, 9.50pm The Negotiator 3.05pm, 6.05pm, 9.15pm Out of Sight 1.30pm. 4.10pm. 7.10pm. 10pm

Ronin 1pm, 3.30pm, 9.05pm Rush Hour 1.20pm, 3.05pm, 3.40pm, 4.30pm, 6.15pm, 7pm, 8.40pm, 9.30pm Snake Eyes 11.40pm There's Something About Mary 6.25pm

ODEON (08705 050007) - Barking ODEON (08705 050007) & Barking Antz 12.10pm, 2.05pm, 4pm Babe: Pig In The City 1.15pm, 3.30pm, 5.45pm, 8.15pm Blade 12.30pm, 3pm, 5.30pm, 8pm Elizabeth 12.30pm, 3.15pm, 5.50pm, 8.30pm Kuch Kuch Hota Hat 12noon, 3.40pm, 7.20pm Out of Sight 5.55pm 8.30pm Rush Hour 12noon, 2.15pm, 4.30pm, 6.45om, 90m

Barnet Antz 1.50pm, 4.15pm, 6.10pm Babe: Pig in The City 1.40pm, 3.55pm, 6.20pm, 8.55pm Blade 8.20pm Out of Sight 2pm, 5.10pm, 8.10pm Ronin 2.40pm, 5.25pm, 8.20pm; Rush Hour 2.30pm, 5.55pm, 8.40pm BECKENHAM

ODEON (08705 050007) → High

ABC (0870 902 0412) BR: Becken-ABC (0870 902 0412) Bic Becker-ham Junction Antz 12.20pm, 5pm, 7pm Babe: Pig In The City 1.15pm, 4pm, 6.30pm, 8.45pm Out of Sight 2.20pm, 8.20pm Rush Hour 1.10pm,

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BEXLEYHEATH CINEWORLD (0181-303 1550) BR: Bexleyheath Antz 12.30pm, 2.30pm, 4.30pm, 5.30pm, 7.30pm 2.30pm, 4.30pm, 5.30pm, 7.30pm Babe: Pig In The City 12.30pm, 1.15pm, 2.45pm, 3.30pm, 5pm, 6pm, 8.15pm Blade 2pm, 4.45pm, 7.15pm, 9.45pm Elizabeth 12.30pm, 3pm, 9.30pm The Negotiator 12.50pm, 3.40pm, 6.30pm, 9.20pm, 0.45, 51ph, 6.30pm, 9.20pm Out of Sight 1pm, 4pm, 7pm, 9.40pm Ronin 7pm, 9.30pm Rush Hour 12.20pm, 2.35pm, 4.20pm, 6.30pm, 7.10pm, 8.50pm, 9.40pm There's Something About Mary 7.25pm, 9.40pm The Truman Show 12noon, 2.25pm, 5.20pm

BROMLEY OPEON (08705 050007) BR: Brom-Babe: Pig In The City 1.25pm, 3.45pm 6.10pm, 8.45pm Blade 5.55pm, 8.40pm Out of Sight 1.50pm, 4.10pm, 6.30pm, 8.55pm

CATFORD

Babe: Pig in The City 1pm. 3.30pm. 6pm. 8.30pm Rush Hour 1.15pm. 3.45pm, 6.15pm, 8.45pm CROYDON CLOCKTOWER (0181-253 1030) BR: Crowdon West/East It's A Won-

ABC (0181-698 3306) BR: Catford.

derful Life 12.15pm, 2.45pm, 5.30pm, 8.15pm SAFARI (0181-688 3422) BR: West Croydon, Antz 5pm Babe: Pig In The City 6pm, 8pm Out of Sight 5.45pm, 8.05pm Rush Hour 6.30pm, 8.30pm

WARNER VILLAGE (0181-680 8090) BR: East Croydon Antz 12.40pm, 2.45pm, 5.05pm, 7.05pm, 9.10pm Babe: Pig In The City 1.30pm, 2.10pm, 3.50pm, 4.45pm, 6.10pm, 7.20pm, 8.30pm Blade 12.50pm, 3.30pm, 6.30pm, 9.20pm The Negotiator 11.50am, 2.50pm, 5.50pm, 8.50pm Out of Sight 1.15pm, 3.40pm, 6.15pm, 8.45pm 11.40pm, Ronin 1.20pm, 4pm. 9.20pm Rush Hour 1.50pm. 4.20pm. 6.55pm. 9.40pm There's Something About Mary 6.40pm

DAGENHAM WARNER VILLAGE (0181-592 2020) O Dagenham Hearhway Antz 2.30pm, 4.40pm, 6.40pm, 8.40pm Babe: Pig In The City 1.30pm, 2.15pm, 4pm, 4.45pm, 6.30pm, 7.15pm, 9.40pm Blade 3pm, 6.15pm, 9.10pm The Negotiator 3.10pm, 6pm, 9.20pm Out of Sight 12.50pm, 3.25pm, 6.10pm, 9.15pm Ronin Prog 1.10pm, 4.10pm, 9.45pm Rush Hour 1pm, 1.50pm, 3.30pm, 4.30pm, 6.20pm, 7pm, 9pm, 9.30pm Snake Eyes 8.50pm There's Something About Mary

VIRGIN UXBRIDGE ROAD (0870-

907 0719) BR/O Ealing Broadway Antz 2pm, 4pm. 6.15pm Babe: Pig In The City 1.15pm, 3.30pm, 5.45pm, 8pm Out of Sight 8.15pm Rush Hour 2.15pm, 4.30pm, 6.50pm, 9pm

BFILE-VUE (0181-381 2556) O Edgware Bade Miyan Chote Miyan phone for times The Exorcist (25th Anniversary Rerelease) 5.15pm, 8.15pm Fire phone for times Jhoole Bole Kauwa Kaate Phone for details Kuch Kuch Hota Hai Phone for details Mehndi phone for times Pardeshi Babu Phone for times

TOM LUBBOCK LEE VALLEY UCI 12 (0990-888990) O Tottenham Hale Antz Fri 

7pm. 8.30pm Blade 2.10pm. 4.45pm. 7.20pm The Exorcist (25th Anniversary Rerelease) 6.50pm Kuch Kuch Hota Hai 6.50pm Ruch Ruch Hota Hai 9.40pm The Negotiator 2.10pm, 5.20pm, 8.40pm Out of Sight 3.10pm, 6.20pm, 9.20pm The Player's Club 7.10pm, 9.50pm Ronin 3pm, 6.10pm, 9.30pm Rush Hour 2.30pm, 4pm, 5pm, 6.30pm, 7.30pm, 9pm, 10pm Saving Private Ryan 8.50pm Small Solders 1.50pm, 4.20pm There's Some-thing About Mary 9.55pm Twilight thing About Mary 9.55pm Twilight 4.50pm, 7.40pm, 10.20pm

FELTHAM
CINEWORLD THE MOVIES (0181-CINEWORLD THE MOVIES (0181-867 0555) BR: Feltham Antz 12noon. 2pm. 4pm. 6pm. 8pm Babe: Pig In The City 11am. 12noon, 1.20pm, 2.30pm. 3.40pm, 4.50pm. 5.50pm. 8pm Blade 1 45pm, 4.30pm, 7.10pm, 9.45pm China Gate 1.50pm, 5.20pm. 8.50pm Doli Sajake Rakhna 11.30am. 2.45pm, 6pm. 9.30pm Jhoole Bole Kauwa Kaate 11.10am, 2.30pm, 6.20pm, 9.45pm Kuch Kuch Hota Hai 1pm, 4.30pm, 8pm, 10pm Mehndi 11.30am, 6.20pm The Negotiator 1 pm, 4pm, 7pm, 10pm Out of Sight 1.25pm, 4.10pm, 6.50pm, 9.30pm Pardeshi Babu 2.45pm, 9.55pm Ronin 7pm, 2.55pm 9.35pm Rush Hour 11.40am, 2pm 4.20pm, 6.40pm, 7.30pm, 8.50pm, 9.50pm The Soldier (Asian Film) 12noon, 3.20pm, 6.20pm, 9.25pm There's Something About Mary 9.55pm The Truman Show 11.15am, 1.40pm, 4.20pm

FINCHLEY WARNER VILLAGE (0181-446 Opm Babe: Pig In The City 1pm. 2.20pm, 3.20pm, 4.40pm, 5.40pm, 7.10pm, 8.30pm Blade 1.10pm, 3.50pm, 7.20pm, 9.45pm Elizabeth 1.20pm The Negotiator 2.50pm, 6pm, 9.10pm Out of Sight 1.40pm, 4.20pm. 7pm. 9.40pm Ronin 4.05pm. 9.20pm. 9.20pm Rounders 9.30pm Rush Hour 2.10pm, 4.30pm, 6.40pm, 9pm There's Something About Mary 6.50pm

ROAD WARNER VILLAGE (0)81-ROAD WARNER VILLAGE (0181-446 9977) — Finchley Road Antz 2pm. 4pm, 6pm. 8pm, 10.15pm Babe: Pig In The City 1.20pm, 2.15pm. 3.40pm, 4.45pm, 6.30pm, 7.15pm. 9pm Blade 4.30pm, 10.10pm The Negotiator 1pm, 3.50pm, 6.50pm, 9.45pm Out of Sight 1.05pm, 3.50pm, 6.45pm, 9.30pm Ronin 1 30pm, 4.25pm, 7.15pm, 10pm Rounders 2pm 7.15pm, 10pm Rounders 2pm, 7.25pm Rush Hour 2.10pm,

**GOLDERS GREEN** ABC (0181-455 1724) ← Golders Green Babe: Pig In The City 1.45pm, 4.05pm, 6.20pm, 8.35pm HAMPSTEAD

4.30pm, 6.40pm, 9.00pm

ABC (0870-902 0413) ⊕ Belsize Park Antz 1.40pm, 6.20pm Babe: Pig In The City 1.30pm, 4pm, 6.20pm, 8.40pm The Governess 3.40pm, 8.25pm Out of Sight 2.20pm, 5.10pm, 8.10pm

SAFARI (0181-426 0303) @ Harrow & Wealdstone China Gate 45pm Doli Sajake Rakhna 8.45pm Fire 7pm

WARNER VILLAGE (0181-427 9009) → Harrow on the Hill Antz 12.40pm. 2.40pm. 4.40pm. 40pm, 8.40pm Babe 11.40am, 1.10pm, 2.10pm, 3.40pm, 4.40pm, 6.10pm, 7.10pm, 8.30pm Blade 1.05pm, 3.45pm, 6.25pm, 9.10pm Elizabeth 1.20pm The Negotlator 11.20am, 2.30pm, 5.40pm, 8.50pm Out Of Sight 1.15pm, 3.55pm, 6.35pm, 9.20pm Ronin 4pm. 9.40pm Rush Hour 11,30am, ...Jom. 2pm. 4pm. 4.30pm. ...)pm, 7pm, 9pm, 9.30pm Snake Eyes 9.50pm There's Something About Mary 6.50pm

HOLLOWAY ODEON (08705-050007) ♦ Arch-

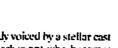
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# THE INDEPENDENT RECOMMENDS

### THE FIVE BEST PLAYS

The Invention of Love Theatre Royal, Haymarket





My Name is Joe (15) All that one would expect from a Ken Loach film

**Ronin** (15)

John Frankenheimer's action thriller is buttressed

ANTHONY QUINN

(0171-734 1506) 
Piccadilly (0171-734 1506) 
Piccadilly (1606) 
8.40pm

7.45pm ODEON KENSINGTON

**ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE** 

5.45pm, 8.20pm

ODEON MEZZANINE (08705 050007) ↔ Leicester Square Elizabeth 12.35pm, Square Elizabeth 12.35pm, 3.05pm, 5.35pm, 8.20pm If Only 1.05pm, 3.30pm, 5.55pm, 8.25pm Lock, Stock & Tirro Smoking 8.35pm Snake Eyes 2pm, 4.10pm, 6.20pm, 8.35pm There's Something About Mary 12.45pm, 3.15pm, 5.45pm, 8.20pm The

Ronin 3pm, 8.30pm Rush Hour

(494 4153) & Piccadilly Circus Across The Sea Of Time - A New York Adventure (3-D) 12.45pm, 5.05pm Everest 3pm, 7.25pm,

(0171-837 8402) & Russell uare On Connaît La Chanson 1cm, 3.30cm, 6cm, 8.35cm The Knowledge Of Healing 4,05pm Year of The Horse 1,50pm. 6.25pm, 8.45pm

RIO CINEMA (0171-254 6677) BR: Dalston Kingsland The 6th London Turkish Film Festival Phone for details Aay 3.45pm A Pale Yellow Rose 6pm The Sea Was Waiting 1.45pm Short, Sharp Shock 3.75pm

RITZY CINEMA
[0171-733 2229] BR/O Brixton
Antz 7.35pm Blade 8.50pm
Buffalo 66 2pm, 4.30pm City Of
Lost Children 1.35pm it's A
Wonderful Life 2.10pm, 4.50pm
My Name Is Joe 3.45pm, 6.30pm,
9.10pm (+ Short: The Man Who
held His Breath) Out of Sight
1.10pm, 3.55pm, 6.15pm,
9.15pm Rush Hour 1.45pm,
4.15pm, 6.50pm, 9.20pm Slurns
of Beverly Hills 9.30pm The
Truman Show 6.45pm

(0171-935 2772) & Baker Street Left Luggage 2,30pm, 4,40pm, 6.50pm, 9pm Out of Sight 3,40pm, 6.10pm, 8,40pm

Dancing At Lughnasa 2,45pm, 4.50pm, 6.55pm, 9.05pm UC! WHITELEYS

9.20pm Rush Hour 4.30pm, 7pm 9.30pm

Hour 2pm, 4.30pm, 7pm, 9.15pm

6pm. 8.50pm

12noon, 2.50pm, 5.40pm, 8.30pm Rush Hour 12.10pm, 2.25pm, 4.40pm, 7pm, 9.20pm The Truman Show 1pm, 3.30pm,

8,20pm, 9,30pm,

ODEON (08705-050007) & Gants Hill Antz 2.30pm, 4.25pm, 6.15pm Babe: Pig In The City 2pm, 4.20pm, 

TRICYCLE THEATRE (0171-328 1000) & Kilburn Dancing At Lugh-nasa 4pm, 6.30pm, 8.45pm

KINGSTON ABC OPTIONS (0870-902 0409) ABC OPTIONS (0870-902 0409)
BR: Kingston Antz 6pm Babe: Pig
In The City 1.20pm, 3.50pm,
6.15pm, 8.35pm Out of Sight
2.10pm, 8.05pm Rush Hour 1.30pm, 3.50pm, 6.15pm, 8.40pm

MUSWELL HILL MUSWELL HILL
ODEON (08705-050007) &
Highgate Antz 1.30pm, 3.45pm
Babe: Pig In The City 1.50pm,
4.10pm, 6.30pm, 9pm Out of
Sight 2.40pm, 5.50pm,
Ronin 5.40pm, 8.20pm

PREMIER (0181-235 3006) BR: Peckham Rye Antz 4,45pm Babe: Pig In The City 4,40pm, 6.50pm, 9.05pm Blade 4,30pm, 6.55pm, 9.25pm Elizabeth 7pm The Negotiator 3.25pm. 6.20pm. 9.15pm Out Of Sight 3.45pm. 6.15pm. 9.05pm Ronin 9.10pm

Rush Hour 4.30pm, 7pm, 9.30pm ABC (0870-9020407) BR: Purley Antz 5.40pm Babe: Pig in The City 5.55pm, 8.30pm The Negotiator 8pm Rush Hour 5.25pm, 8.10pm

**PUTNEY ABC** ABC (0870-9020401) BR: Put-ABC (0870-9020401) BR: Put-ney/O Putney Bridge Antz 5.30pm Babe: Pig In The City 2pm. 4pm. 6.30pm. 8.45pm The Negotiator 2.15pm. 8.15pm Out of Sight 2.15pm, 5.15pm, 8.15pm

RICHMOND ODEON (08705-050007) BR/+ Richmond Babe: Pig In The City 2.20pm, 4.50pm, 7.10pm, 9.30pm Out of Sight 12.30pm, 3.10pm, 6pm, 9pm Rush Hour 1.40pm, 4pm.

ODEON STUDIO (08705-050007) BR/O Richmond Antz 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm Blade 9.10pm Dancing At Lughnasa 2pm, 4.30pm, 7pm, 9.20pm Elizabeth, 6.30pm The Negotiator 2.10pm, 5.40pm, 8.40pm, 8.40pm, 9pm

ROMFORD ABC (0870-9020419) BR: Romford. Antz 5.45pm Babe: Pig In The City 1.40pm. 4pm. 6.20pm. 8.40pm Out of Sight 2.30pm. 8.15pm Rush Hour 1.45pm, 4.05pm, 6.25pm, 8.45pm

ODEON LIBERTY 2 (08705-050007) BR: Romford Antz 12.30pm, 2.30pm, 4.30pm, 6.30pm Babe: Pig In The City 12.05pm. 2.20pm. 4.35pm. 6.50pm. 9pm Blade 12.40pm. 3.20pm. 6pm. 8.35pm The Negotiator 1.45pm. 5.15pm. 8.15pm Out of Sight 12.15pm, 3.10pm, 5.45pm, 8.20pn Ronin 5.45pm, 8.25pm Rush Hour 12.30pm, 1.30pm 3pm, 4pm, 6pm, 6.30pm, 8.30pm, 9pm Small Soldiers 12.50pm, 3.20pm There's Something About Mary 8.20pm

SIDCUP ABC (0541-555131) BR: Sldcup Antz 6pm Babe: Pig In The City 5.45pm, 8.45pm Out of Sight

STAPLES CORNER VIRGIN (0870-907 0717) BR: Cricklewood Antz 2.15pm, 4.30pm, 6.45pm Babe: Pig In The Gty 1.30pm, 3.45pm, 6pm, 8.15pm Blade 1pm. 3.45pm, 6.30pm, 9.15pm The Negotiator 2.40pm, 5.45pm, 8.45pm Out of Sight 12.40pm, 3.15pm, 6pm, 8.45pm Ronin 9pm, 12midnight Rush Hour 1pm. 4.15pm, 6.40pm, 9pm

STREATHAM ABC (0870-9020415) Streatham Hill Antz 2.15pm, 4.20pm, 6.30pm, 8.40pm Babe: Pig In The City 1.45pm, 4.05pm, 6.25pm, 8.45pm Out of Sight 5.30pm, 8.20pm

ODEON (08705-050007) BR: Streatham Hill/O Brixton/Clapham Common Babe: Pig in The City 1.20pm, 3.40pm, 6pm, 8.20pm Blade 12.20pm, 3pm, 5.40pm, 8.20pm The Negotiator 1.40pm, 3.10pm, 5.50pm, 8.30pm Rush lour 1.40pm, 4pm, 6.20pm,

STRATFORD NEW PICTURE HOUSE (555 3366) BR/ Stratford East Antz 1pm Babe: Pig in The City 2.10pm, 4.25pm, 6.35pm, 8.45pm It's A Wonderful Life 6.25pm The Negotiator 3pm, 5.45pm, 8.30pm Out of Sight 1.15pm, 3.50pm. 8.50pm Rush Hour 2.30pm. 4.50pm, 7pm, 9.10pm

SUTTON UCI 6 (0990-888990) BR: Sutton/ Morden Antz 12.55pm, 3pm, 5.10pm Babe: Pig in The City 12.40pm. 1.25pm. 3.15pm. 4.05pm, 5.45pm. 6.20pm. 8.50pm Blade 9.55pm Elizabeth 3.15pm. 6pm The Negotiator 9.05pm Out of Sight 1.10pm, 3.50pm, 6.35pm, 9.40pm Ronin 7.10pm Rush Hour 2от. 4.25от, 6.50рт, 9.25рт aving Private Ryan 8.30pm

CORONET (0181-888 2519) 6.40pm Babe: Pig in The City 4pm, 3.20pm, 8.30pm Out of Sight 3.35pm Rush Hour 4.10pm, 6.30pm, 8.45pm

SURREY QUAYS UCI (0990-888990) & Surrey Quays Antz 2.20pm. 4.10pm, 6.30pm Babe: Pig in The City 2pm. 2.40pm. 4.30pm. 5pm, 6.50pm, 7.25pm, 9.25pm Blade 6pm, 8.40pm Eliz-3.45pm The Negotiator 2.30pm, 5.30pm, 8.30pm Out of Sight 4.10pm, 7pm, 10pm Ronin 9.15pm 4.10pm, 7pm, 10pm Ronin 9.15pm Rounders 9.50pm Rush Hour 2.10pm 3.30pm, 4.40pm, 6.15pm, 7.10pm, 8.55pm, 9.40pm Small Soldiers 3.20pm There's Something

UXBRIDGE (08705 050007) Output 1,45pm, 3,40pm Babe: Pig In The City 2pm, 4,20pm, 6,40pm, 8,50pm Out of Sight 5,40pm, 8,20pm

WALTHAMSTOW ABC (0870-902 0424) ⊕ Walthamstow Central Antz 5pm Babe: Plg In The City 1.40pm, 3.45pm, 6.15pm, 8.25pm Out of Sight 2.15pm, 8.10pm Rush Hour 2pm, 4pm, 6pm, 8.40pm

WALTON THE SCREEN AT WALTON (01932-252825) BR: Walton on Thames Dancing At Lughnasa 2,40pm, 4.40pm, 6.45pm, 8.50pm The Horse Whisperer 2.50pm Out of Sight 6pm. 8.30pm

WELL HALL CORONET (0181-850 3351) BR: Eitham Antz 3.45pm, 5.40pm Babe: Pig In The City 4pm, 6.20pm, 8.30pm Out of Sight 8.35pm

WID I ESDEN BELLE-VUE (0181-830 0822) • Willesden Green The Exorcist (25th Anniversary Rerelease) 4pm.

WIMBLEDON ODEON (08705 050007) BR/ ODEON (08705 050007) BR/

OWimbledon/OSOUTH Wimbledon

Antz 1.30pm, 3.15pm, 5pm,
6.45pm Babe: Pig In The City
1.45pm, 4.05pm, 6.30pm, 8.50pm

Blade 8.35 Out of Sight 12.25pm,
3pm, 5.45pm, 8.30pm Ronin
12.25pm, 3.10pm, 5.45pm, 8.30pm Rush Hour 1.40pm 4pm, 6.30pm

**WOOD GREEN** NEW CURZON (0181-347 6664) @ Turnpike Lane Bade Miyan Chote Miyan 1.30pm Kuch Kuch Hota Hal 5pm Mehndi 8.30pm

WOODFORD ABC (0181-989 3463) @ South Woodford Antz 2.25pm, 5.30pm Babe: Pig In The City 1.25pm, 4pm, 6.20pm, 8.35pm Out of Sight 2.20pm, 8.10pm Ronin 8.10pm Small Soldiers 5pm

WOOLINICH WOOLWICH
CORONET (0181-854 5043) BR:
Woolwich Arsenal Babe: Pig In
The City 4pm, 6.20pm, 8.30pm
Rush Hour 4.10pm, 6.30pm,

### CINEMA REPERTORY

LONDON CINE LUMIERE Queensberry Place SW7 0171-838 2144/2146 five Gay Tales From France (18) 7.30pm NFT South Bank SE1 0171-928 3232 d Movies 2.30pm The Philadelphia Story (U) 6pm Man-hattan (15) 6.10pm An Angel At

My Table (15) 8.10pm Flame in The Streets (15) 8.40pm PRINCE CHARLES Leicester Place WC2 0171-437 8181 Mercury Rising (15)1pm Le Bossu (15) 3.30pm Six Days. Seven Nights (12) 6.15pm The X-Files (15) 9pm

RIVERSIDE STUDIOS Crisp Road W6 0171-420 0100 Le Boucher (18) 6.45pm + Rien ne va Plus Rien Ne Va Plus (15) 8.45pm

BRIGHTON CINEMATHEQUE (01273-739970) La Vie de Jésus (NC) 8pm DUKE OF YORK'S CINEMA 01273-602503 The Ee! {18}1.45pm,

CUBE CINEMA (0114-907 4191) Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas
(18) 7pm The Exercist (25th An-

niversary Rerelease) (18) 9.30pm

WATERSHED (0117-925 3845) My

Name is Joe (15) 6pm La Vie Revée Des Anges (18) 6.05pm. 8.30pm CHAPTER ARTS CENTRE (01222-399666) Dance of the Wind 7.30pm Henry Fool (18) 8pm

CINEMA CITY (01603-622047) Elizabeth (15) 5.45 pm My Name Is Joe (15) 8.15pm

### CINEMA COUNTRYWIDE

BRISTOL ARNOLFINI (0117-929 9191): Le Bossu (15): Funny Games (18)

CINEWORLD THE MOVIES (01275 831099): Antz (PG): Babe: Pig In The City (U): Blade (18): China Gate (NC): Doli Sajake Rakhna (NC): Dr Dolittle (PG): Elizabeth (15): The Exorcist (25th Anniversary Rerelease) (18): Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels (18); Mean Guns (18); Men In Black (PG); Mulan (U); The Negotiator (15); Out Of Sight (15): The Parent Trap (PG): Ronin (15): Rush Hour (15); Saving Pri-vate Ryan (15); Small Soldiers (PG): Vace ryan (15); Small Soldiers (76); Snake Eyes (15); The Soldier (Asian Film) (NC); Still Crazy (15); There's Something About Mary (15); The Truman Show (PG) ORPHEUS HENLEAZE (0117-962 1644); Antz (PG): Baber Pig In The City (U): Out Of Sight (15); The Par-ent Trap (PG); Rush Hour (15); Small Soldiers (PG)

ODEON (08705-050007): Babe: Pig In The City (U); Blade (18); Dr Dolittle (PG); Godzilla (PG); If Only (15): The Land Girls (12): int (PG): Mulan (U): The

(PG): Babe: Pig In The City (U): Blade (18): Dancing At Lughnasa (PG): The Exorcist (25th Anniver-Ian (U); The Negotiator (15); Out Of Sight (15); Ronin (15): Rush Hour (15): Small Soldiers (PG); There's Something About Mary (15): The Truman Show (PG); Twi-

WARNER VILLAGE (0117-950 0222); Antz (PG); Babe: Pig In The City (U); Blade (18); Elizabeth (15); The Exorcist (25th Anniversary Rerelease) (18); Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels (18): Mean Guns (18): Mulan (U); The Negotiator (15): Out Of Sight (15); The Parent Trap (PG): Ronin (15): Rush Hour (15): Saving Private Ryan (15): Small Soldiers (PG): There's Something About Mary (15): The Something About Mary (15); The Truman Show (PG): Twilight (15)

ABC WHITELADIES ROAD (0117-973 3640); Antz (PG): Babe: Pig in The City (U): Fear And Loathing in Las Vegas (18); Out Of Sight (15)

CURZON (01323-731441): Antz (PG): Babe: Pig in The City (U): Out Of Sight (15); Rush Hour (15)

/IRGIN (0541-555159); Antz (PG): Babe: Pig in The City (U): Blade (18): Lost in Space (PG): Mulan (U): The Negotiator (15): Out Of Sight (15): The Parent Trap (PG): Ronin (15): Rush Hour (15): Small Sol-

ODEON (08705-050007): Antz (PG); Babe: Pig In The City (U); Blade (18); Elizabeth (15); Mulan (U); Out Of Sight (15); The Parent

CINEMA (0870-90 70 713); Antz (PG): Babe: Pig in The City (U): Blade (18): Godzilla (PG): Lost in Space (PG): Mulan (U): The Negotiator (15): Out Of Sight (15): The Parent Trap (PG): Paulie (U); Rush Hour (15): Small Soldiers (PG)

### **THEATRE** WEST END

Ticket availability details are for today; times and prices for the week; running times include intervals. 
— Seats at all prices ) — Seats at some prices O — Returns only Matinees — [1]: Sun. [3]: Tue, [4]: Wed. [5]: Thur, [6]: Fri, [7]: Sat

I ALARMS & EXCURSIONS Michael Frayn's new comedy about a dinner party which is interrunted by mysterious messages stars Felicity Kendal and Josie Lawrence. Glelgud Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065) & Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5][7] 3pm, £19.50-£27.50, 130 mins,

 AMADEUS David Suchet stars as Salieri in Peter Shaffer's acclaimed drama. Old Vic The Cut. SE1 (0171-928 7616/cc 420 0000) BR/ Waterloo. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [4] 2.30pm, [7] 3pm, £7.50-£30. 180 mins.

● BEAUTY AND THE BEAST Lawish family musical based on Disney's cartoon version of the favourite fairly tale. Dominion Tottenham Court Road, Wi (0171-656 1888) & Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7] 2.30pm. £18.50-£35. 150 mins.

THE BEST OF TIMES Revuestyle show featuring the songs of Jerry Herman. Vaudeville Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987) BR/& Charing X. Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 8.30pm, [4][7] 3.30pm, £9.50-£27.50.

● BLOOD BROTHERS Willy Rus-■ BLOOD BROTHERS Willy Russell's long-running Liverpool musical melodrama. Phoenix Charing Cross Road. WC2 (0171-369 1733) ■ Leic Sq/Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5] 3pm, [7] 4pm, £11.50-£32.50. 165 mins.

) BLUERIRD & WHEN BRAINS DON'T COUNT New drama telling the bleak and violent stories of a cabbie's fares, preceded by a new short. Royal Court Upstairs (at The Ambassadors) West Street, WC2 (0171-565 5000) & Leic Sq. Tonight 9pm, £5, double bill (7.15pm & 9pm performances on same night) £7.50-

● BOOGIE NIGHTS Shane Richie stars in a brand new 1970s musical. Savoy Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888/cc 0171-836 0479) ← Charing X/Embankment. Mon-Thu 8pm, Fri-Sat 8.30pm. [6] 5.30pm, [7] 5pm, ends 9 Jan, £11-£28.50. 150

DCATS Lloyd Webber's musical version of TS Eliot's poems. New London Parker Street, WC2 (0171-405 0072) ← Covent Garden/Holborn. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [3][7] 3pm. £12.50-£35. 165 mins.

O CHICAGO Maria Friedman and Peter Davison stars in this hit Broad-way musical. Adelphi Maiden Lane. WC2 (0171-344 0055) ← Charing X. Mon-Sat 8pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, £16-£36 (inc booking fee), 130 mins.

O CINDERELLA Angela Carter's version of this fairytale is staged by the acclaimed Improbable Theatre. Lyric Hammersmith King Street, W6 (0181-741 2311) ⊕ Hammersmith. Today 1.30pm, ends 9 Jan, £5-£18. concs £6.50. • FAME THE MUSICAL High-octane stage version of the TV series charting the highs and lows of a class

of young showbiz hopefuls. Prince of Wales Coventry Street, W1 (0171-839 5972) ← Lek Sq/Picc Circ. Mon-Thu 8pm, Fri 5.30pm & 8.30pm, Sat 4pm & 8pm, ends 16 Jan. £15-£30. ) FILUMENA Judi Dench and

Michael Pennington star in Timber-lake Wertenbaker's new translation of Eduardo de Filippo's play. Piccadilly Denman Street, W1 (0171-369 1734) ← Picc Circ. Tonight 8pm. ends 27 Feb, £12-£30, 120 mins.

● GREASE Energetic stage version of the hit film. Cambridge Eartham Street, WC2 (0171-494 5080) & Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 3pm, £10-£30. 150 mins.

AN IDEAL HUSBAND Christo. her Cazenove and Susannah York in Peter Hail's acclaimed production of Wilde's comedy. Lyric Shaftesbury venue, W1 (0171-494 5045 O Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5] 3pm, [7] 4pm, £8-£29.50. 165 mins ● AN INSPECTOR CALLS Stephen

Daldry's widely-acclaimed production of JB Priestley's thriller. Garrick Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085) 9 Lelc Sq. Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8.15pm. [4] 2.30pm, [7] 5pm. £10.50-£25. 110 mins.

O INTO THE WOODS Sondho and Lapine's acclaimed musical based on fairytales. Donmar Warehouse Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm,

O JESUS, MY BOY Tom Conti stars in John Dowie's alternative Christ-mas show. Apollo Shaltesbury Av-enue, W1 (0171-494 5070) ⊕ Picc [1] 3pm & 5pm, £5.50-£18.50

O LOVE UPON THE THRONE Tasteful look at the Charles and Diana marriage. Comedy Panton Street, SWI (0171-369 1731) ◆ Picc Circ/Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 8pm [4][7] 3pm, ends 31 Jan, £6-£25. ) LES MISERABLES Musical

dramatisation of Victor Hugo's masterpiece. Palace Shaftesbury Avenue. W1 (0171-434 0909) & Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [5][7] 2.30pm, £7-£35. 195 mins.

ets the Modom Butterfly tragedy to Vietnam. Theatre Royal. Drury Lane Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5060) & Covent Garden Sat 7.45pm, [4][7] 3pm, £5.75-£35. ) THE MOUSETRAP Agatha

Christie's whodunnit, still going strong St Martin's West Street, WCZ (0171-836 1443) ↔ Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 8pm. [3] 2.45pm. [7] 5pm. £9-£23. 135 mins.

○ THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Andrew Lloyd Webber's Gothic musical. Her Majesty's Haymarket, SW1 (0171-494 5400/cc 0171-344 4444) ← Picc Circ, Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [4][7] 3pm, booking to June 26, £10-£35, 150 mins.

PHEDRE Diana Rigg stars in Ted Hughes' translation of Racine's tragedy. Albery St Martin's Lane. WC2 (0171-369 1730/cc 0171-867 1111) & Leic Sq. In rep, tonight 7.30pm, ends 12 Dec, £5-

HULL TRUCK THEATRE Gold! Hull Truck's story of five college friends who re-unite in an attempt to DRENT Musical inspired by La.
Boheme and set in modern day New York Shaftesbury Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (07000-211221) & Holborn/Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat recreate their student days. Mon-Sat 8pm. ends 16 Jan. £5.50-£10, concs available. Spring Street (01482-224800) 7.30pm, [4][7] 3pm, £12.50-£32.50. 160 mins.

ROYAL NATIONAL THEATRE D LYTTELTON: Berrayal Pinter's defining work depicts a menage a trois and stars Imagen Stubbs and Douglas Hodge. In rep tonight 7,30pm, continuing, 90 mins.

D COTTESLOE: Haroun And The Sea Of Stories Tim Supple's stage adaptation of Salman Rushdie's ac-claimed novel. In rep. tonight 7.30pm, ends 6 Jan. Lyttelton: £8-£27. Cottesloe: £12-£19. Day seats from 10am. South Bank, SE1 (0171-452 3000). Br / Waterloo.

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY THE BARBICAN: The Merchant
Of Venice RSC production of Shakespeare's drama about love and money. In rep, tonight 7.15pm, booking
to 2 Feb. 180 mins.

PTHE PTI: Shadows: Riders to The Sea & The Shadow of The Glen & Purgatory Triple-bill of drama by WB Yeats and JM Synge. In rep. tonight 7.15pm. booking to 13 Feb. Barbican Theatre: £5-£26, The Pit; £11-£18.50. Barbican Centre, £C2 (0171-638 8891). ⊕ Barbican. O SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER Hit

£10-£32.50, 135 mi • STARLIGHT EXPRESS Andrew Lloyd Webber's revamped hi-tech roller-musical Apollo Vic-toria Wilton Road, SW1 (0171-416

6070) BR/⊕ Victoria. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [3][7] 3pm, £12.50-£30. 150 mlns. THINGS WE DO FOR LOVE Belinda Lang stars in Alan Ayckbourn's comedy. Duchess Catherine Street. WCZ [0171-494 5075/cc 0171-344 4444) → Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5][7] 3pm,

£15-£27.50. 140 mins IN THE FAMILY Depiction of a dysfunctional family from Richard Oberg Preceded by a short. Royal Court Upstairs (at The Ambassadors) West Street, WC2 (0171-565 5000) & Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 7.15pm, £5, £7.50-£15.

THE WEIR Conor McPherson's drama is set in Ireland and examines ideas of ghosts and angels. Roya Court Downstairs (at the Duke Of York's) St Martin's Lane. WC2 (0171-565 5000) & Leic So/Charing X. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 3.30pm, £5-£25. 90 mins.

• WEST SIDE STORY Brand new production of Bernstein's classic musical, attempting to recreate the feel of the original Broadway hit. Prince Edward Old Compton Street, W1 (0171-447 5400) & Leic Sq/fott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5][7] 3pm, £15-£35, 160 mins.

O WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND Lloyd Webber's new musical based on the film of the same name about two children who mistake an escaped convict for Jesus. Aldwych Ald wych, WC2 (0171-416 6000/cc 0171-836 2428) ⊕ Holborn. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5][7] 3pm, £10-£32.50. 120 mins.

) THE WOMAN IN BLACK Susan Hill's chilling ghost story is still spookily effective. Fortune Russell aprovany exiscures. Fortune Russell Street, WC2 (0171-836 2238/cc 0171-344 4444) & Covent Garden/Holborn, Mon-Sat 8pm. [3] 3pm. [7] 4pm, £8.50-£23.50. ers celebrated in a musical revue that includes "Jailhouse Rock". Yonight

### THEATRE BEYOND THE WEST END

ALMEIDA THEATRE The Storm Ostrovsky's uplifting drama, 7.30pm, ends 19 Dec. £6.50-£19.50. Almel-da Street, N1 (0171-359 4404)

HAMPSTEAD THEATRE Little Malcolm and His Struggle Against the Eunuchs Ewan McGregor stars the revolutionary activist in David Halliwell's drama. 8pm, ends 2 Jan. £9-£16, concs £6. Avenue Road, NW3 (0171-722 9301) 👄 Swiss Cottage.

YOUNG VIC Arabian Nights Adaptation of magical Eastern tales adapted for the stage by Dominic Cooke.

1.30pm £7-£18. The Cut, SE1
(0171-928 6363) BR/⊕

### THEATRE COUNTRYWIDE

SHERMAN THEATRE The Secret Seven Save the World Exciting adenture, based on the novels of Enid lyton, and set in 1999. £6-£10, Today 2pm concs available. Senghenydd Road (01222-230451)

CHELTENHAM EVERYMAN THEATRE Aladdin Princesses, pagodas and antics in Peking. £4.50-£13. Today 2.15pm Ends 16 Jan. Regent Street (01242-572573)

CHICHESTER CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE Girls' Night Out Hen night comedy by Dave Simpson Today 5.30pm & 8.30pm. E5-£15, concs a Oaklands Park (01243-781312)

CHIPPING NORTON CHIPPING NORTON THEATRE All Baba and the 40 Thieves Pantomine taken from the Arabian Nights. Today 2pm, 5pm £7.75-£14.75. Spring Street (01608-642350)

DERBY GUILDHALL THEATRE Teechers John Godber's comedy set in a teacher training college. Tonight 7.30pm. £8, concs £6. Market Place (01332-255800)

**EASTBOURNE** DEVONSHIRE PARK THEATRE Our Country's Good Study of the civilising power of theatre, written by Timberlake Wertenbaker and performed by Out of Joint Tonight 7.30 pm. £6.50- £11 concs available. Compton Street (01323-412000)

HORNCHURCH QUEEN'S THEATRE Dick Whittington and His Kool Kool Kat Songs from the 1960s and 1970s mpany this inter-galactic panto ing. Today 2.30pm £6.50-let Lane (01708-443333)

# FIRST CALL, LAST CALL

First Call THREE TEENAGERS are involved when a man is badly hurt at a restaurant, but only one gets sent to jail. After this inauspicious beginning to Robert Holman's play Bad Weather, the unexpected arrival of a foreign visitor leads to strange and surprising revelations for some of the people involved. This world premiere of Holman's gripping work stars Susan Brown, Susan Engel, Emma Handy and Ryan Pope. The Pit Theatre, Barbican Centre, London EC2 (0171-

638 8891) opens 19 Jan

Last Cali

ON THE back of their recent hit, "Perfect Ten", The Beautiful South's 1999 arena tour has already begun to sell out. With their orchestral gestures, great choruses and Paul Heaton's fine soul voice, The Beautiful South (right) exemplify all that is good in modern pop music. The first dates in London, Manchester, Birmingham and Sheffield have sold, out so book early to avoid disappointment. Exeter Westpoint (0990 321321) 16 Apr., Cardiff Arena

(01222 224488) 20 Apr., Newcastle Arena (0191-401 8000) 21 Apr; Glasgow SECC (0141-287 7777) 22 Apr; Manchester Arena (0161-930 8000) 24 & 25 Apr



WEST YORKSHIRE PLAYHOUSE: COURTYARD THEATRE The Seag-ull Jude Kelly directs Ian McKellen nd Clare Higgins in Chekhov's bit

ter-sweet love story. Mon-Sat 7.45pm ends 5 Dec. £8.50-£17, concs WEST YORKSHIRE PLAYHOUSE: **QUARRY THEATRE Martin Guerre** Boubil and Schonberg's musical love story. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thur & Sat 2pm, ends 13 Feb. £8-£21. child £1.50, family £7 (to museum). Great Pulteney Street (01225-463362) Quarry Hill Mount (0113-213 7700)

LEICESTER
HAYMARKET THEATRE Singin' in the Rain High water mark of American musicals about a Holywood actress who suffers once the talkies are introduced. Tonight 7.30pm. ends 6 Feb. £7-£19.50. Belgrave Gate (0116-253 9797)

NOTTINGHAM NOTTINGHAM PLAYHOUSE Jack and the Beanstalk Kenneth Alan Taylor writes and directs his 15th consecutive pentomime for Nottingham Playhouse. 5, 7, 8, 10, 11 Dec. 2.30pm, 5, 8, 10, 11 Dec. 7.30pm. East Circus Street (0115-941 9419)

OXFORD
APOLLO THEATRE Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical version of the Bible story. Tonight 7.30pm. £8.50-£21.50, concs available. George Street (01865-244544)

LYCEUM THEATRE Girls' Night Out Hen-night comedy by Dave Simpson. 7-10 Dec. 7.45pm, 11 & 12 Dec. 6pm & 9pm. £7-£16.50, concs available. Norfolk Street (0114-276 9922) SOUTHAMPTON MAYFLOWER THEATRE Smokey Joe's Cafe - The Songs of Lefber and Stoller The rock'n roll hit-mak-

7.30pm, £10.50-£22.50. Commer cial Road (01703-711811) WATFORD PALACE THEATRE Jack and the Beanstalk Family panto about a boy and the magical beans he swaps £5-£13, Clarendon Road (01923-

WOKING NEW VICTORIA THEATRE Po Emma Noble stars in Ben Elton's satire on cinema violence.Tonigh 8pm. £6-£17 Peacocks Arts & Fntertainments Centre (01483

### LITERATURE

TALK: JANET SUZMAN - CHOSEN WORDS The actress reads a series of texts chosen by each artist in Slow Burn to describe, complement or investigate their work. Warwick Arts Centre Gibbet Hill Road (01203-524524) Tonight 6.30pm, free,

POETRY WITH POWER Exciting new performance poets and musicians from across the globe including the Caribbean, India, New Zealand and Africa, Riverside Stu dios Crisp Road W6 (0181-237 8pm, £10, concs £7.50.

## COMEDY

COVENTRY IT'S A SCREAM COMEDY CLUB AT THE CAMPBELL Talented stand-up Les Keen, Paul Rogan, MC Robin Ince. Tonight 9pm, Gosford Street, CV (01203-234831) £2.

LEICESTER ARRANGE THAT MARRIAGE AT HAYMARKET THEATRE One Nation Under A Groove...Innit present their irreverent Asian comedy revue show. Tonight 7.45pm. Belgrave Gate (0116-253 9797) £6 adv, concs £4; £7 on door, concs £5.

THE COMEDY STORE AT COME. THE COMEDY STORE AT COMEDY STORE In The House presents X-Rated Show with Richard Blackwood, Toju, Felicity Ethnic, Wayne Rollings, Slim, MC Marcus Simmons. Tonight 9pm, Oxendon Street, SW1 (01426-914433/cc 0171-344 4444) & Piccadilly Circus,

ING - THE MIGHTY BOOSH AT HEN AND CHICKENS The stars of Channel 4's Gos. Tonight 8pm, St Paul's Road, N1 (0171-704 2001) O Highbury & Islington. £5. COMEDY CAFE King of the surrea one-liners Milton Jones, the host of C4's Gas Lee Mack, MC The Man With The Beard. Tonight 8pm. Rhvington Street, EC2 (0171-739 5706) & Old Street, phone for

LEE HURST - UN-IRONED AT THE COLOSSEUM The former star of They Think It's All Over. Tonight 7.30pm, Rickmansworth Road (01923-445000) £10 & £12.

JULIAN BARRATT & NOEL FIELD

### **EXHIBITIONS**

HOLBURNE MUSEUM AND CRAFTS STUDY CENTRE Mas Weaver: Peter Collingwood Major exhibition exploring Collingwood's in-novative work. Mon-Sat 1 I am-5pm, Sun 2.30pm-5.30pm, ends 11 Dec. E3.50, OAP E3, UB40/60+ £2.

BEXHILL DE LA WARR PAVILION Picasso: Late Etchings Two series of etchings made in 1968 and 1969. Mon-Sun 10am-6pm, closed 25 Dec. ends 3 Jan, free. (01424-787949)

BRIGHTON BRIGHTON MUSEUM & ART GALLERY Maquettes: Henry Moore Maquettes, working models and graphics exhibition marking the cen-tenary of his birth. Mon, Tue, Thur-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm, ends 10 Jan, free. Church Street (01273-290900)

LONDON HAYWARD GALLERY Addressing the Century: 100 Years of Art and Fashion Celebrating links between art and fashion with over 250 exhibits including work by Dali, Matisse and Gilbert and George. Mon, Thur-Sun 10am-6pm, Tue & Wed 10am-8pm, ends 11 Jan. £6, concs £3.50, famlly £12. Belvedere Road. SE1 (0171-960 4242) BR/⊕ Waterloo. ICA GALLERY Die Young Stay

Pretty Sculpture, collage, paintings and cut outs by 11 young, romantic artists. Mon-Sun 12noon-7.30pm. ends 10 Jan. £1.50, concs £1, Sat-NATIONAL GALLERY Mirror Image: Jonathan Miller on Reflection Mir-rors and reflections in art from Van

Eyek to Helen Chadwick. Ends 13 Dec. £5.50, concs £3.50, incl audio Luca Signorelli in British Collections Drawings and paintings by the artist who influenced Raphael and langeio. Mon & Tue, Thur-Sat 10am-6nm, Wed 10am-8nm, Sun 12noon-6pm (closed 24-26 Dec. 1

Jan), ends 31 Jan. free. Trafaloai

Square, WC2 (0171-839 3321)

Charing Cross, Leicester Square ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS Critical Mass: Antony Gormley Sixty casts of human bodies. Mon-Sun all day, ends 16 Dec, free. Picasso: Painter and Sculptor in Clay Exploring the ceramic works of the 20th-century artist. Mon-Thur, Sat & Sun 10am-6pm, Fri 10am-8.30pm, ends 16 Dec. £7, OAP/UBAO £6, NUS E5, child 12-18 £2.50, child 8-11 £1. 100 Masterpieces of Imperial Chinese Ceramics from the Au Bak ling Collection Porcelain from the Sing, Yuan, Ming and Quing dynas-ties. Mon-Thur, Sat & Sun 10am-6pm, Fri 10am-6pm, ends 20 Dec. E3, concs £2.50, child (8-18) £1. Life? Or Theatre?: The Work of Charlotte Salomon Powerful paintings made between 1940 and 1942. Mon-Thur, Sat & Sun 10am-6pm, Fri 10am-8.30pm, ends 17 Jan. £5.50. UB40/0AP £4.50, NUS £4, child 12-18 £2.50, child 8-11 £1. Burlington House, Piccadilly, W1 (0171-300 8000) ⊕ Green Park.

TATE GALLERY Turner Prize 1998 Work by Chris Ofili, Cathy De Mon-chaux, Tacita Dean and Sam Taylor-Wood, Ends 10 Jan. £1.50. John Singer Sargent Comprehen-sive exhibition devoted to the paintngs of the 19th-century artist. Ends

17 Jan. £6. concs £4. Art Now 16: Something is Missing - Jean-Marc Bustamante In-stallation exploring international cities in photographs. Ends 31 Jan, free. Turner in the Alps Works on paper made on Turner's first Alpine trip in 1802. Ends 14 Feb. free. in Celebration: The Art of the Country House Paintings and sculpture, including work by Canaletto, Stubbs and Holbein, Mon-Sun 10am-5.50pm, ends 28 Feb, free. Millbank, SW1 (0171-887 8000) ⊕ Pimlico.

VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM

Aubrey Beardsley The illustrator's life and work explored in 200 drawings and prints, Ends 10 Jan. Grinling Gibbons and the Art of Carving Work by the 17th-century woodcarver. Ends 24 Jan. Picasso's Ladles: Wendy Ramshaw Precious-metal jewellery. Ends 15 Feb. Elsewhwere - Photographs from the Americas and Asia: Henri Cartier-Bresson Lesser-known subjects by the 90 year-old photographer. Ends 12 Apr. The History of Photographer. A Selection from the Collection Work by leading photographers throughout history. Mon 12 noon-5.45pm, Tue-Sun 10 am-5.45pm, ends 31 Jul. £5. concs £3. under 18's, free for unwaged, disabled, mems and all entries between 4.30pm and 5.45pm. Cromwell 4.30pm and 5.45pm. Cromwell Cartier-Bresson Lesser-know 4.30pm and 5.45pm, Cromwell Road, SW7 (0171-938 8441)

ST IVES ST IVES TATE GALLERY Displays 1998-9: Partnerships and Practice Paintings and ceramics from the second half of the century. English Roots: Eric Cameron Layers of paint surrounding organic

Marble sculpture linking St Ives with Montserrat in the West Indies. Mon-Sat 11am-7pm, Sun 11am-5pm, ends 11 Apr. £3.50, concs £2. Porthmeor Beach (01736-796226)

### CLASSICAL

SYMPHONY HALL LSO/Davis Including Elgar's Symphony No.1. Tonight 8pm, £5-£31. Broad Street (0121-212 3333)

CAMPRIDGE KING'S COLLEGE CHAPEL Anne Page Organ music by Messiaen. 7.30pm £5 concs £4 from 01223-503333. King's Parade (01223-

CONDON

ST JOHN'S, SMITH SQUARE
Orchestra of St.John's, Smith
Square/Lubbock Vaughn Williams'
Funinsia on Christmas Corols with excerpts from Bach's Christmos Oratorio. Smith Square, £10-£7 7.30pm SW1 (0171-222 1061)

WIGMORE HALL Nash Ensemble Messiaen's wartime prison camp composition Quartet for the End of Time. Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141) 1pm, £7 (£5 senior citizens) & Bond Street/Oxford

### **OPERA**

LONDON COLISEUM The Barber of Seville Rossini's enduring com-edy in a revival of ENO's production originally directed by Jonathan Miller. Tonight 7.30pm. £5-£55. St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-632 8300)

### **CLUBS**

BRIGHTON VAPOUR '98 AT THE EVENT With live performances from the Lo Fi All-stars and Monkey Mafia plus Norman Cook, Beastie Boy Mike D and Richard Fearless. Tonight 9pm-2am. £7.50. West Street (01273-732627)

LONDON TWEAKIN' AT DOGSTAR Club clas-2.30am, Coldharbour Lane, SW9 (0171-733 7515) BR/⊕ Brixton.

THAT'S HOW IT IS AT BAR RUMBA Gilies Peterson, James Lavelle and Ben Wilcox drop funk, jungle and hip hop. Tonight 10.30pm-3.30am. Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-287 2715) ← Piccadilly Cir-

MUSIC JAZZ, WORLD, FOLK

BRISTOL CASS'S ALLSTARS Vibes player Arnold Kanarek features with BS1 (0117-927 7137) Tonight

WRIGLEY SISTERS Slick Orcadian siblings Jennifer and Hazel return with their sensual and cheerful folking around. Colchester Arts Centre St Mary-at-the-Walls. Church Street (01206-500900) Tonight 8pm, £5. concs £4. ART THEMAN Accomplished mainstream sexophonist. The Watermill Reigate Road (01306-887831)

COLCHESTER

Tonight 8.30pm, £8, £6 members and MU cards. LONDON GIL EVAN'S PORGY AND BESS Trumpeter Randy Brecker is fea-tured soloist in the first complete UK performance of Evans' master by the Guildhall Jazz Orche rbican Hall Barbican Centre EC2

ZAMBA QUIPILDOR AND THE NAN GROUP Renowned Argentinian folk singer Queen Elizabeth Hall South Bank Centre SE1 (0171-960 4242) BR/O Waterloo, Tonight 7.30om, £12-£14.

JAMES TAYLOR QUARTET 1960s and 1970s R&B revivalist on the Hammond organ. Jazz Cafe Parkway NW1 (0171-916 6060) & Camden Town. lonight 8.30pm, £16, adv £13.50. DAVE MCKENNA US planist who DAVE MICREMINA US plants who has worked with swing glants Gene Krupa and Woody Herman, Ptzza Express Jazz Club Dean Street W1 (0171-439 8722) & Tottenham Court Road, Tonight 9pm, £15.

CLEO LAINE AND JOHN DANKWORTH Jazz cabaret from well-known couple. Pizza on the Park Knightsbridge SW1 (0171-235 5273) & Hyde Park Corner. Tonight 9.15pm & 11.15pm. £30.

BBC BIG BAND Big swing sound from Barry Forgie's outfit. Queen Elizabeth Hall South Bank Centre SE1 (0171-960 4242) BR/O W terioo. Tonight 8pm, £16, concs £10. SARAH-JANE MORRIS Ex Com-

munards' vocalist sings jazz, blues and soul. Ronnie Scott's Frith Street W1 (0171-439 0747) + Leicester Square. Tonight 9pm & 11.30pm. £12, mems £4. NUS £8

### **EVENTS**

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DORCHESTER
TEDDY BEAR HOUSE With the Edward Bear family, human-sized teddies. Teddy Bear House Antelope Walk (01305-263200) Mon-Sat 9,30am-5pm, Sun 10am-4,30pm, not 25 & 26 Dec, ends 31 Dec, £2, child £1, family £5.50.

LONDON
POP IN AND PAINT CHRISTMAS, DECORATIONS Create your own original decorations. The Art Workshop Rosemont Road NW3 (0171-431 5696) → Finchley Road, Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, ends 23 Dec.

prices vary. THE GREAT CHALLENGE 1998 Political cartoon exhibition, in aid of Amnesty International, Index on Censorship and the Cartoon Art Trust. The Gallery, Oxo Tower Wharf ground floor Bargehouse Street SE1 (0171-928 6193) Oxo Wasserson Mon-Sun 103m-form, ends terioo. Mori-Sun 10am-6pm, ends

23 Dec. free (donations welcome). SHOW BUSINESS EXHIBITION Designs illustrating theatre, opera, ballet and film, selected by Charles Spencer National Theatre: Lyttelton South Bank SE1 (0171-452 3000) BR/O Waterloo. Mon-Sun 10am-11pm, free.

SWINDON COUNTRY HOUSE CHRISTMAS A chance to see a Victorian style Christ-mas with the State Rooms decked in greenery gathered from the Park. Lygreatery gamered from the Park. Lydiard House Lydiard Country Park (01793-770401) Mon-Fri 10am-1pm, 2pm-4pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 2pm-4pm, ends 31 Dec. 80p, child 30p.

# **MUSIC**

BOURNEMOUTH M PEOPLE, LYNDEN DAVID HAY Pop-soul chart stars featuring that lush singing of Heather Small, with fast rising new Brit R&B hopeful in support. Bournemouth Interna-tional Centre Exeter Road (01202-456456) Tonight 7pm, £21.50.

BRIGHTON LO-FIDELITY ALLSTARS Skimk rockers play their highly acclaimed debut album How To Operate With A Blown Mind, which includes the current Battleflag single. The Event West Street (01273-732627) Tonight 8pm, £7.50.

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BRISTOL ROBYN HITCHCOCK The unique surreal singer, who cut his teeth in The Soft Boys before becoming a worldwide cult star and chum of REM, now touring to promote Jonathan Demme's film Storefront Hitchcock and the associated album. Watershed Canon's Road (0117-925 3845) Tonight 8pm, £4,

CARDIFF MASSIVE ATTACK The revered Bristol dub dance team thumb their noses at royal baggage and take their sounds on the round. Cardiff International Arena Mary Ann Street, Butetown (01222-224488) Tonight

THERAPY?, GROOP DOGDRILL Expanded quartet line-up play while writing their fifth album, after the critclaimed comeback collection. Semi-Detached. Astoria Charing Cross Road WC2 (0171-434 0403) Tottenham Court Road, Tonighi 8pm. £11. LENNY KRAVITZ The American

rock god in leather kecks returns to frot the Academy Brixton Academy Stockwell Road SW9 (0171-771 2000) BR/ Brixton. Tonight 7pm. SKIFFLE - THE ROOTS OF BRITISH ROCK A Celebration of the wash-board-oriented 1950s fad that gave obart-oriented 1950s fad that gave birth to The Beatles among others, featuring a rare headline appearance by the "king of skiffle" Lonnie Done-gan, and a supporting cast including. Chris Barber, Chas and Dave, Tony Sheridan Was Willia Harris Adors Sheridan, Wee Willie Harris, Adam Faith and Joe Brown. Royal Albert Half Kensington Gore SW7 (0171-589 8212) & High Street Kensing-ton. Tonight 7.30pm, £15-£25.

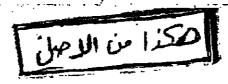
JEREMY GLUCK, SNIPES Solo gig by the former Barracudas main-man, with hotly tipped support. Water Rats Theatre Gray's Inn Road WC1 (0181-885 6488) & King's Cross. Tonight 8.30pm, £5, concs £4 NORWICH

TEN BENSON Avant trailer-trash trio from Shoreditch play their one-fingered keyboard bashings. Fat Pauly's Edward Street (01603-441044) Tonight 8pm, phone for prices.

JAMES, STEREOPHONICS Tim Booth's seminal Mancumian pop-sters push their recent greatest his album. The Pavillon Armada Way (01752-229922) Tonight 8pm, £16.

PLYMOUTH

PORTSMOUTH
THE KING Post-modern imperson ator who delivers songs by dead pon stars in the Elvis style. Wedgewood Rooms Albert Road, Southsea (01705-863911) Tonight 7.30pm. phone for prices.



# MONDAY RADIO

### 97.5-99.8MHz FM ) 6.30 Zoe Ball. 9.00 Simon Mayo. 12.30 Mark Goodier. 2.00 Mark Radcliffe. 4.00 Chris Moyles. 5.45 Newsbeat 6.00 Dave Pearce, 8.00 Lamacq Live, 12.00 The Breezeblock. 2.00 Clive Warren. 4.00-6.30 Scott Mills.

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(88-90.2MHz FM ) 6.00 Sarah Kennedy, 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan. 9.30 Ken Bruce. 12.00 Jimmy Young. 2.00 Ed Stewart. 5.05 Johnnie Walker. 7.00 Humphrey Lyttelton. 8.00 Big Band Special 8.30 The New Jazz Standards, 9.30 The Rock 'n' Roll Years, 10.30 Richard Allinson. 12.00 Lynn Parsons. 3.00 - 4.00 Mo Dutta.

the group's concerts were regarded almost as religious events. In RADIO 3 session tonight, Chris Abrahams (90.2-92.4MHz FM) (piano), Tony Buck (drums) and 6.00 On Air. Lloyd Swanton (acoustic bass) 9.00 Masterworks. pride themselves on never playing 10.30 Artist of the Week the same thing twice. 11.00 Sound Stories. 11.30 Jazz Notes. 12.00 Composer of the Week: Elliott Carter. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. (R) 1.00 The Radio 3 Lunchtime Con-1.00 - 6.00 Through the Night. cert. See Pick of the Day. RADIO 4 2.00 The BBC Orchestras. 4-00 Opera in Action. (92.4-94.6MHz FM ) 4.45 Music Machine. 6.00 Today. 9.00 NEWS; Start the Week. **5.00** In Tune. 9.45 Senal: Charles Dickens: 7.30 Performance on 3. A performance given in August in the Ush-Hall as part of this year's Edinburgh Festival featuring the 10.00 NEWS; Woman's Hour. 11.00 NEWS; Snapshots from the NDR Symphony Orchestra as they New South Africa. return to Edinburgh for the second 11.30 Nemesis. year running. NDR Symphony Or-12.00 NEWS; You and Yours. chestra/Gunter Wand, Bruckner: 1.00 The World at One. Symphony No 5 in B flat. 1.30 Round Britain Quiz. 9.00 Postscript. Four illustrated 2.00 NEWS; The Archers. reflections on kitsch. 1: Dubravka 2.15 NEWS; Afternoon Play: Life's Ugresic, a Croatian writer and Little Ironies. thinker, describes the ability of 3.00 Money Box Live: 0171 580

lain Burnside crams as many 1.30 Turning World. 5.00 PM. songs on body parts as he can fit 6.00 Six O'Clock News. 19.45 Mixing It. Mark Russell and Doert Sandall came across im-6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue. 7.00 NEWS; The Archers. prov group the Necks during 'Mix-7.15 Front Row. Mark Lawson with ing It's trip to Australia earlier this year after word reached them that 7.45 Still Waters. By Ann Marie Di

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3.45 Angel Fish.

kitsch to survive Communism, to

thrive on war and to reinforce na-

tionalism. See Pick of the Day.

9.20 Petersen Quartet. Grieg:

String Quartet in G minor, Op 27.

10.00 Voices. 'The Body Shap'.

6.00 A Christmas Carol (1984) (87571). 8.00 Magic in the Water (1995) (99587).

10.00 Napoleon and Samantha (1972) (32281). 12.00 A Christmas Carol (1972) (32281). 12.00 A Christmas Carol (1984) (571). 1.45 Magic in the Water (1995) (5869991) 2.20

(1755), 6.00 Amy (1981) (65804), 8.00

ance of Elaine (1996) (81137). 1.30 The

Abyss (1989) (75009359). 3.50 - 6.00

6.00 Jules Verne's 800 Leagues down the Amazon (1994) (59007). 7.30 Bury Me in

Niagara (1992) (45858). 9.00 A Holiday for

Zes down the Amazon (1994) (26484)

Love (1996) (45151). 11.00 Trail of Tears

(1965) (19397), 3.00 Jules Verne's 800

5.00 Bury Me in Niagara (1992) (94858).

7,00 A Holiday for Love (1996) (31007).

9.00 Gold in the Streets (1997) (78378).

11.00 Turbulence (1997) (885200), 12.40

Don't Be a Menace to South Central white

(9485175). 2.10 Too Close to Home (1997)

(885953). **3.45 - 6.00** Down, Out and

4.00 The Blue Dahlia (1945) (7896571).

8.00 Joshua - Then and Now (1985) (9214378), 10.00 The Big Clock (1948)

(13537129). 1.45 Father Brown (1954)

(2938409) 5.20 Close.

9114804), 3.25 The Long Hot Summer

6.00 Notorious Landlady (1962) (9202533).

(4657571). **1L40** The Kremlin Letter (1970)

6.00 The Firemen's Ball (1968) (2794823).

7:10 My Name Is Ken (3028910). See Pick of the Day. 8:00 Poor Cow (1967)

Carta's Song (1996) (95696587). See Pick

1.45 Riff Relf (1991) (8637866). See Pick

Komodo (2718484). **7.30** Beyond 2000

(2334991). See Pick of the Day. 10.00

of the Day. 12.05 Ladybird, Ladybird

(1993) (1797663). See Pick of the Day.

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

Dangerous (1995) (89132392).

SKY CINEMA

Drinking Your Juice in the Hood (1995)

(1995) (19533), 1.00 Cinema Paradiso

Mute Witness (1995) (33199361).

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The Odyssey (1997) (839552). 10.30 Liar (1997) (31755). 12.00 The Deliver-

69991). **3.30** Barry Norman's Film 1 (7668). **4.00** The Staircase (1998)

SKY PREMIER

### PICK OF THE DAY

sometimes pretentious". But that's surely out of date: these flashing across the screen. days, popular taste has been put on a pedestal teven if it's an ironic one). Over this week Nash Ensemble in Messiaen's Postscript (9pm R3) tries to catch some of the many modern

12.00 Composer of the Week:

3.30 The Lost Art of Convales-

4.00 NEWS; The Food Pro-

THE 1993 EDITION of Chambers faces of kitsch. Dubravka Ugresic Dictionary defines kitsch as "art, tonight talks about the varieties literature, fashion, etc dismissed she has encountered - she as being of merely popular taste recalls how, during the Serbor appeal, vulgar, sentimental or Croat war, she watched Dynasty (right) with air-raid warnings

The Lunchtime Concert (1pm R3) features members of the Quartet for the End of Time. ROBERT HANKS



Mambro, Joanna and Douglas investigate the desecration of a local church, Meanwhile, Kate attempts to come to terms with Philip's abrupt departure. With Ann Scott-Jones, Emma Currie and Liam Brennan, Director David Jackson Young. Part 21. 8.00 NEWS; Managing Life. 'Can't Cope'. In the last of four

programmes, life-sentence prisoners in Glenochil discuss their difficulties in coping. 8.30 Analysis. 'The Moderate Majority'. The results of the American mid-term elections suggest that voters remain unconvinced by Republican attacks on President Clinton's personal behaviour. Peter Kellner asks if the United States is turning against moral and political extremism, and what the implications are for the future direction of

American politics. 9.00 NEWS; Nature: A Drop of Life. Hidden from the naked eye are beasts so small that their entire world is a single drop of water. The affable 'Ford Cortina,' the neurotic 'Mass Hysteria' and the menacing 'Terminator' - as they are so called - are just some of these strange animals. 9.30 Start the Week. Jeremy

Paxman sets the cultural agenda for the week, with guests including American satirist and political commentator PJ O'Rourke, and former EU peace envoy during the Bosnian conflict, Carl Bildt. 10.00 The World Tonight. With Robin Lustig. 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Spiderweb. By Penelope Lively, read by Stephanie Cole. Retirement to a West Country hamlet proves to be less tranquil than expected for anthropologist Stella Brentwood, as relationships old and new inter-

weave (1/10). 11.00 Radio 4 Appeal Terry Waite speaks on behalf of inside Out Trust, a charity which sets up projects to enable prisoners to learn skills to help charities and community organisations. 11.02 Fatherland. (R) 11.30 Aerial Views.

12,00 News. 12.30 Late Book: Human Voices. 12.48 Shipping Forecast. 1.00 As World Service. 5.30 World News. 5.35 Shipping Forecast. 5.40 Inshore Forecast. 5.45 Prayer for the Day. 5.47 - 6.00 Farming Today.

RADIO 4 LW (198kHz) 9.45 - 10.00 Daily Service. 12.00 - 12.04 News; Shipping Forecast. 5.54 - 5.57 Shipping Forecast. 11.30-12.0 Parliament. **RADIO 5 LIVE** 

(693, 909kHz MW) 6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 Nicky Campbell. 12.00 The Midday News. 1.00 Ruscoe and Co. 4.00 Drive. 7.00 News Extra.

7.30 Family Affairs. A series exploring psychological relationships within sporting families. This programme features West Ham man-

ager Harry Redknapp and family. 8.00 Trevor Brooking's Monday Match. Trevor Brooking introduces commentary from Hillsborough, where Sheffield Wednesday take on Nottingham Forest in the FA Carling Premiership. Plus all the latest news from across the continent in the European football round-up.

10.00 Late Night Live. Nick Robinson sets tomorrow's agenda today. Including at 10.30 a full round-up of the day's sport, and at 11.00 a late news briefing. 1.00 Up All Night.

5.00 - 6.00 Morning Reports. **CLASSIC FM** (100.0-101.9MHz FM)

6.00 Nick Bailey. 8.00 Henry Kelly. 12.00 Requests. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 Jamie Crick. 6.30 Newsnight, 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. 9.00 Evening Concert .: Beethoven: 12 Variations on a Theme by Handel. Pierre Fournier (cello), Friedrich Gulda (piano). Schubert: Arpeggione Sonata. James Campbell (clarinet), Altegri Quartet Korngold: Violin Concerto. Itzhak Perlman (violin), Pittsburgh SO/Andre Previn. Vivaldi: The Four Seasons, Orpheus CO, Gil Shaham (violin) 11.00 Alan Mann. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 -6.00 Mark Griffiths.

VIRGIN RADIO (1215, 1197-1260kHz MW 1058MHz FM 6.30 Chris Evans, 9.30 Classic Countdown with Buss Williams 1.00 Nick Abbot. 4.00 Bobby Hain / FM only Harriet Scott from 6.45. **7.30** Harriet Scott. **10.00** Mark Forrest 1.00 James Merritt 4.30 - 6.30 Jeremy Clark.

**WORLD SERVICE RADIO** (198kHz LW ) 1.00 Newsdesk. 1.30 Seven Days. 1.45 Wood, Guts and Brass. 2.00 Newsday. 2.30 On Screen. 3.00 World News. 3.05 World Business Report. 3.15 Sports Roundup, 3.30 Idea of the

City. 4.00 - 7.00 World Today.

TALK RADIO 6.00 Bill Overton and Clare Catford. 9.00 Scott Chisholm, 12.00 Lorraine Kelly. 2.00 Anna Raeburn. 4.00 Peter Deeley. 5.00 The Sports Zone, 8.00 James Whale, 1.00 - 6.00 Ian Collins.

## INDEPENDENT PURSUITS

## **CHESS**

ALTHOUGH IT'S certainly an ad- five hefty volumes of Informant's vantage for a chess player to have Encyclopaedia of Chess Openings. learnt the game young - I was just over six years old when I started the position is more double-edged as a writer, since it's that much harder to imagine how the chessboard appears to your readers. An analogy seems a sensible approach, with draughts the best example - a familiar game in which it's not hard to understand that there are long forcing sequences and zugzwang is paramount; but this would in no way

belp me if I had to play it. Another "game" in which the opponent" unfortunately makes the rules, is software installation. I grappled recently with Mr Gates's ineffable Windows 98.

The first round certainly went my way, since with the help of another piece of software - Partition Magic I succeeded in placing the poor darling not, as the Great Microchip in the Sky no doubt intends, alone and omnipotent, but rather in its own little partition alongside such atavistic undesirables as DOS and Linux, However, Mr Gates has since fought back in various ways...

The reason for all this palaver was to install various other programs that require Windows 98 for its older, less sophisticated brother, Windows 951. The chess ones are ChessBase 7.0, the snazzy new version from ChessBase of Hamburg, and Chess Informant of Belgrade's new Chess Informant Reader.

I'm helping Informant to fidy up the English in the Help system of this program, which can be downloaded without charge from http:// www.sahovski.co.yu but is then used to interpret commercially available "electronic books" obtainable from the same address.

Paramount among these are the jspeelman@compuserve.com

It would be an invitation to a had back and the attentions of the least officious of airline check-in officials to carry these to tournaments in "hard copy": but they may well prove to be a boon on disk.

I was intending now to spend three minutes on finding a nice, short game in their sampler, and publish it. I fear that Mr Gates took further revenge when the Reader failed to load...

Two hours, and two - or is it three? - re-installs later, here is that game, which I fear at the moment can't be searched for explicitly by length, though that capacity, among others, will be on the "wish list" that I shall be sending to Informant in a few days' time.

In the first meeting between these two great players, Kasparov hit Ivanchuk early with a novelty -11 d4 - and kept on slugging. Kasparov says that 14... fxg4 was an improvement.

At the end, 24... Bxd5 25 Re8+ Bg8 26 f7 Nxf7 27 Nxf7 would be a very pretty smothered mate.

### White: Gary Kasparov Black: Vassily Ivanchuk USSR Championship 1988 English Opening

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1 c4 Nf6	13 Rb1 f5
2 Nc3 e5	14 g4 Qe7
3 Nf3 Nc6	15 gxf5 Nd6
4 g3 Bb4	16 Ng5 Qxe2
5 Bg2 0-0	17 Bd5+ Kh
60-0 e4	18 Qxe2 Rxe
7 Ng5 Bxc3	19 Bf4 Nd8
8 bxc3 Re8	20 Bxd6 cxd
9 f3 exf3	21 Rbel Rxe
10 Nxf3 d5	22 Rxe1 Bd7
11 d4 Ne4	23 Re7 Bc6
12 Qc2 dxc4	24 f6 1-0
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# SATELLITE AND CABLE

### PICK OF THE DAY

is possible to be a film-maker and have a social conscience as well. My Name is Ken (7.10pm FilmFour), a documentary profiling the director, kicks off an evening of his work. Poor Cow (8pm), his bleak portrait of a working mother (Carol White) burdened with a dodgy husband (John Bindon) is followed by of

FOR MORE than three decades, Carlyle, right) accompanies his Ken Loach has proved that it girlfriend back to civil war torn Nicaragua. Ladybird, Ladybird (12.05am) is a typically tough portrayal of a struggling mother (Crissy Rock), while Riff Raff (1.45am) stars Carlyle (again), this time as a jobbing excon builder. The evening ends with Raining Stones (3.20am), in which Bruce Jones and Julie Brown try to find the money for Carla's Song (10pm), in which a their daughter's communion. Glaswegian bus driver (Robert JAMES RAMPTON



pire of the East (5961113). 11.00 Wings (7163179). 12.00 Nightfighters (1629427). 1.00 Flight Deck (9151717). 1.30 Ancient Warriors (94903tt). 2.00 Close. SKY ONE

7.00 The Simpsons (22303), 7.30 The Chris Livans Breakfast Show (67026), 8.30 Hollywood Squares (61051), 9.00 Serah\_Surviving Life (14741), 10.00 Sally Jessy Rapheel (34194), 11.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (27858), 12.00 Jenny Jones (8931649), 12.55 The Special K Collection (831485), 12.55 The Special K Collection (735757), 2.00 Sally Jessy Paphael (6831485), 2.55 The Special K Collection (2830620), 3,00 Jenny Jones (7708842). 3,55 The Special K Collection (8378668) 4.00 Sarah\_Surviving Life (57397), 5.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (8281), 6.00 Married with Children (3842). 6.20 Friends (4194). **7.00** The Simpsons (9910). **7.30** Real TV (4838). **8.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (73823), 9.00 Siders (66587), 10.00 South Park (16026), 10.30 Seinfeld (98674), **11.00** Friends (58026), **11.30** Star Trek (22668), **12.30** Renegade (84663). 1.30 - 7.00 Long Play (4975779).

of the Day. 3.20 - 6.00 Raining Stones (1993) (36270446). See Pick of the Day. SKY SPORTS 1 4.00 Fishing World (8248194). 4.30 Walk-7.00 Ford Football Special Middlesbrough er's World (8244378). **5.00** Flight Deck (2777587). **5.30** Jurassica (8331858). **6.00** vs Newcastle (19674). **8.30** Racing News (89194). **9.00** Aerobics - Oz Style (78674). Animal Doctor (8258571). 6.30 Dragons of 9.30 Wild Spirits (15007). 10.00 Scottish Football (74736). 11.00 Cup Special (8245007). 8.00 Kenya's Killers (5948282). (87200). 12.00 Aerobics - Oz Style (83910). 9.00 Raging Planet (5968026). 10.00 Em-12.30 What a Weekend (19823). 1.00 Ford

Football Special Middlesbrough vs Newcas-tie (24804). 2.30 Spanish Football (19484). 4.00 Futbol Mundial (3007), 4.30 V-Max (2991), **5.00** Pool (8823), **6.00** Sky Sports Centre (3484), **6.30** What a Weekend (4736), 7.00 Ford Monday Night Football Sheffield Wednesday v Nottingham Forest (12484026). 10.15 Sky Sports Centre (413858), 10.30 Football League Review (88823), 11.30 V-Max (127587), 12.15 Ford Monday Night Football Sheffield Wednesday vs Noltingham Forest (928224). 2.15 Football League Review (564596). 3.15 Sky Sports Centre (48448717). 3.30 Close.

SKY SPORTS 2 7.00 Aerobics - Oz Style (3769194), 7.30 Racing News (3851129). 8-00 Pool (7795910), 9.00 Ford Golf USA (4036587). 11.00 Golf - Australian Open (5628465). 2.30 Golf - Sun City Million Dollar Challenge (1866200), 5.00 Football League Re-view (4604264), 6.00 Table Term's (3880587). 7.00 World Motor Sport (5865007). **11.00** World Windsurfing (8049007), **11.30** Table Tennis (9248262). 12.30 Powerboat Championships (4476392), 1.00 Windsurfing (8818865). 2.00 Sports Centre (11045750), 2.45 Close.

SKY SPORTS 3 12.00 NFL (52733991). 3.30 ice Hockey (43570007). 5.30 Sabah Climbathon (31979571). 6.30 World Windsurfing (93145552), **7.00** Tennis: Davis Cup Final 169660991). 10.00 Dickie Davies's Sporting Heroes Sir Roger Bannister (65628804). 11.00 Motor Racing: Golden Age of Motor

Racing (47827945). 11.30 Close. EUROSPORT

7.30 Bobsleigh (92736), 8.30 Alpine Skiing (92026), 9.30 Skiing (44262), 10.30 To-bogganing (25649), 11.30 Ski Jumping 200) **1.00** Skiing (64754). **2.00** Fi (25200), 4.00 Ski Jumping (14939), 5.30 Bowling (81620), 7.00 Xirem Sports: You Action (30295). **8.00** Karting (13465). **9.00** Sumo (30259). **10.00** Football (25587). 11.30 Boving (64668), 12.30 Close UK GOLD

7.00 Crossmads (2319277), 7.30 Neighbours (4784281), 7.55 EastEnders (4271858). 8.30 The Bill (8414378). 9.00 The Bill (8501858). 9.30 The House of Eliott (9596552), **10.30** Angels (8427842), **11.00** Dalas (3831552), **11.55** Neighbours (32353303), **12.25** EastEnders (2614552), **1.00** Juliet Bravo (7787007), **2.00** Dellas (6944991). 2,55 The Bit (2306842). 3.25 The Bit (6513842). 3.55 EastEnders (1784716). 4.30 Angels (8246736). 5.00 Al Creatures Great and Small (2685552). 6.00 Due South (7790571). 7.00 The Comedy Alternative: May to December (2194571). 7.40 The Comedy Alternative: It Ain't Half Hot, Murri (1823543), 8.20 The Comedy Allemative: Dadis Army (7694026), 9.00 Prince (96726842), 10.35 More Specially Selected Canned Carrott (4200620), 11.25 Sports Anorak of the Year (8339215), 11.55 The Bill (4882262), 12.25 The Bill (4215972). 12.55 Spender (2911408). 1.55 Film: The Trail Beyond (1934) (3088427), 2.55 - 7.00 Shopping with Screenshop (48207311).

6.00 Tmy Living (9816571). 9.00 The Roseanne Show (4626397). 9.50 The Jerry Springer Show (5454200), 10.40 Michael Cole (3745858), 11.30 Brookside (1592910). **12.00** Living Issues (3653991). **12.30** Rescue 911 (1133552). **1.00** Beyond : Fect of Fiction (1941755). 12 Ready, Steady, Cook (7071194). 2,05 Rolonda (4441262). 2,55 Living It Up! (4252674). 3.55 The Jerry Springer Show (9220129), 4.45 Tempesti (7191755), 5.35 Can't Cook, Worl't Cook (8478194), 6.10 The Jerry Springer Show (6198991). 7-00 Rescue 9tt (7882378), 7.30 Beyond Belief Fact or Fiction (1451194), 8,00 Ally McBeal (9201804). 9.00 Film: No One Could Protect Her (1995) (9204991). **11.00** The Spicy Sex Files (1928804), 12.00 Close.

9.00 Kiss Me Kate (1953) (65639910). 11.00 Shoot the Moon (1982) (72454718). 1.15 A Very Private Affair (1962) (16535175). 3.00-5.00 Kiss Me Kate (1953) (14296088) PARAMOUNT COMEDY CHANNEL 7.00 Clueless (7194), 7.30 Desmonds (1262) 8.00 Roseanne (6842), 8.30 Just Shoot Me (2649). **9.00** Cyb**ii** (80649). **9.30** Seinfeld (14259), 10.00 Frasier (82281). 10.30 Cheers (71129). 11.00 Festival of Fun I (85194), 11.30 The Larry Sanders Show (47194), 12-00 Late Night with David Letterman (75934). 1.00 Taxi (97175). 1.30 The Critic (87695), 2.00 Dr Katz (72427), 2.30 Sosp (51934), 3.00 Hooperman (77311). 3.30-4.00 Nightstand (75514).

GRANADA PLUS **6.00** The Box (9887571), **7.00** On the Buses (9380945), **7.30** Fenn Street Gang (8296552), **8.00** Surgical Spirit (9909007). 8.30 No. Honestly (8908378). 9.00 Classic Coronation Street (8095858). 9.30 Emmerdale (8898571). 10.00 thirtysomething (8292736). **11.00** Hawaii Five-O (8205200). 12.00 Classic Coronation Street (8902194). 12.30 Emmerdale (9972587). 1.00 The Piglet Files (8389216). 1.30 Watching (8971858), 2.00 thirtysomething (4877281). 3.00 The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes (4340571). 4.00 The Professionals (4336378), 5.00 Hawaii Five-O (2100842). 6.00 Emmerdale (8688587), 6.30 Classi Coronation Street (8506939), 7.00 Mission Impossible (2005303), 8.00 The Profes-Street (4325262). 9.30 Sez Les (8889823). 10.00 The Joker's Wild (8903823), 10.30 Hogan's Heroes (8912571). 11.00 As Granada Men & Motors (1121397). 2.00 Close.

# BRIDGE

IT WAS only an insignificant rubber bridge part score but, to listen to the East-West argument that ensued, you would have thought that they had been defending against a grand slam.

Nobody at the table spotted the bet solution to their problems.

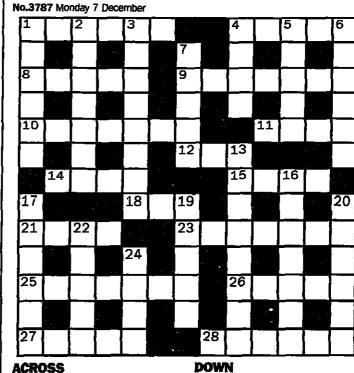
South opened 1 No-trumps (15-17 points) and all passed. West led ♥10 to the jack and king, and declarer held off until the third round, throwing a spade from dummy. Then he led a low spade and West. after winning with +Q. cashed ♥Q on which both dummy and declarer threw clubs.

At this point the defenders could have cashed four clubs but, from West's point of view, South could still hold ♣Kx, so he tried ♦7. This went to the 10, jack and ace, and declarer played off the ace and another spade. West won, and East parted with \$2. Now the contract could have gone three off but West's construction of the deal led him to believe that South had started with, say, ♠ Axxx ♡ Axx ○ A 9 8 Kxx. At any rate, he led a second

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diamond and South now had two spades, a heart and four diamonds. How could East have helped? By throwing \$9, not \$2, on the third spade. For, if he still held ♦ K9, he would have wanted a diamond, not a club. So the discard of © 9 would surely deny possession of OK, and now West could hardly

## CONCISE CROSSWORD



# REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC1 N IRELAND As BBC1 London except: 6.30 As BBC1 LORBON Except 330 Newstre 6.30 (858), 10.40 Sports Awards (9468378), 11.55 They Think It's All Over (306736), 12.25 On Side (3829021), 1.10 Chicago Hope (8787601), 1.10 Chicago Hope (8787601). 1.55 Weird Science (9955205). 2.20 Joins BBC News 24 (89338427).

BBC1 SCOTLAND As BBC1 London except: 12.25 Botannan Arald Utileim (6128378). 12.30 Na Luchagan Phiacla (73211007). 12.35 An T-Ollamh Seileasdar (36859129), 6.00 News (378), 6.30 Reporting Scotland; Weather (858).

BBC1 WALES As BBC1 London except: 6.30
Wates Today (858). 1.00 Film: How to
Make a Monster\* (948392). 2.45 Joins
BBC News 24 (62506663).

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10.30 Anglia News and Weather (144939). 12.10 Tales from the Darkside 3984663), 12.40 Nationwide Football League Extra (3971953). LAO World Football (1507885). 2.10 ClubaVision Rewind (3284576). 2.50 Trisha (9884578), 3.40 World in Action (9884578), 4.95 An Invitation to Re-member (87027885), 4.30 Nightscreen (33408), 5.00 Coronation Street (99576).

CENTRAL As Cariton except: 12.20 Central News and Weather (6138755). 1.00 Echo Point (77200). 2.40 High Road (4929674), **5.10** Shortland Street (6112858), **6.00** Home and Away (877991), **6.25** Central News and Weather (675723). **10-30** Central News and Weather (144839). **4.00** Jobfinder (5571576). 5.20 Astan Eye (2480663).

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ing (659484). 12.15 Mercian News and Weather (3822991). 1.00 Shortland Street (77200). 1.30 Home and Away (97522200). 1.55 The Jerry Springer Show (6894228), 2.35 Quids in (2919026), 540 Home and Away 112858) 5.37 Three Minutes (510194) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (674), 6.30 Street-wise (246), 10.30 Meridian News and Weather (144939), 12.40 Public Morals (3984663), 12.40 Nationwide Football League Extra (3971953), 1.40 World Football (1507885), 2.40 ClubaVision

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(246). **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (144939). **4.20** Jobfinder (2698595). TYNE TEES

As Yorkshire except: 12.15 North East News and Weather (3822991). 5.55 North East Weather (603858). 6.00 North East Tonight (81804). 10.30 North East News and Weather (144939).

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As Channel 4 except: 11.30 Film:
Bifly Badmouth (16045007). 12.00 Right
to Reply (46730200). 12.30 Sesame
Street (85905277). 1.00 Planed Plant:
ABC a Ding Dong (48454026). 1.30 The
Real... Albert Goering (31994755). 2.30
Personal Services (11694378). 3.00 Garden Doctors (16291533). 4.30 Ricki Lake (1807842). 5-00 Planed Plant (16203378). 5-30 Countdown (1898194). 6-00 Newyddion (19362858). 6-10 Heno (8082813). 7-00 Poblo y Cwm (33756587). **7.25** Prydain Wyllt (68725769). **8.00** John ac Alun (8292262). 8.30 Newyddon (16211397). 9.00 Y Byd ar Bedwar (49137378). 9.30 Sgorio (67044723). 10.35 Anatomy of Sgrid (3/44/23); 10.35 Artaumy of Desire (344/8113); 11.35 Driven (75286991); 12.05 Rory Bremner... Who Else? (91461682); 12.50 Shell Shock (48441779); 1.50 Close.

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Roman poet (6) Cavalryman (6) Engage in noisy merrymaking Lorry (5) Penniless (coll.) (5) Underground burial place (8) Speech (7) 10 Indigestion remedy (7) Rise and fall of sea (4) Capsize (5) 11 Rim (4) 12 Tibetan ox (3) Fate (6) 7 Brightly coloured (5) 13 Marsupial (8) 14 Percussion instrument (4) 15 Declare to be true (4) 18 Wager (3) 16 Flexible (7) 21 Cereal crop (4) 17 Metallic element (6) 19 Border river (5) 23 Bird (7) 25 Painting (7) 20 Aircraft (6)

22 Slightly sticky (5)

24 Rotate (4)

28 Agree (6) Solution to last Saturday's Concise Crossword: ACROSS: 1 Czech, 4 Liszt (Checklist), 10 Mongrel, 11 Lease, 12 Silly, 13 Economy, 15 Oath, 17 Jeans, 19 Abase, 22 Hope, 25 Old boys, 27 Ample, 29 Borne, 30 Echelon, 31 Lying, 32 Agony, DOWN: 2 Zonal, 3 Carry on, 5 Igloo, 6 Zealeus, 7 Smash, 8 Sleet, 9 Beryl, 14 Chap, 16 Ashy, 18 Elderly, 20 Bear-hug, 21 Bobby, 23 Osier, 24 Henna, 26 Ocean, 28

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PETER CONCHIE TELEVISION REVIEW

# BBC1

(1344804), 10.05 City Hospital (S) (T) (710281), 14 News; Local News; Weather (T) (4862552), 11.00 (Living (S) (4942128), 11.25 Carl't Cook, Won't Coo (T) (4945216), 11.55 News; Local News; Weather (1787466), 12.00 Pass the Buck (S) (9476026), 12. (Going for a Song (S) (945533), 12.50 Weather (G) (T) (73220756), 1.00 News; Weather (T) (8580-1.30 Local News; Weather (45607129), 1.40 Neight (S) (T) (73760216), 2.05 Ironside (R) (4652264).

2.55 Battersea Dogs' Home. New series on abandoned furry friends. Pet Resoue, anyone? (S) (T) (4827262).

3.25 Children's BBC: Playdays (R) (S) (9316533), 3.45 Enchanted Lands (R) (S) (6587842), 3.55 Little Monsters (S) (9331007), 4.00 Animal Magic Show (S) (T) (1527910), 4.15 Alvin (S) (T) (2545674), 4.40 Goosebumps (S) (T) (2830939), 5.00 Newsround (S) (T) (2516991), 5.40 Blue Peter (S) (T) (8239007). how (S)

5.35 Neighbours (S) (T) (671658).

6.00 News) Weather (T) (378).

6.30 Regional News (T) (858).

7.30 Here and Now. More live current affairs, with Juliet Morris (S) (T) (842).

8.00 EastEnders. The residents of Albert Square grass Grant up to the police – an old East End tradition. The Annie-Glanni saga warms up (S) (T) (9620).

9.00 News; Regional News (Digital: UK Today); Weather (T) (7945).

9.30 Men Behaving Badly. Age-old repeat of the episode where the "boys" have the girls next-door over when the "girls" go away for the weekend (H) (S) (91281).

10.00 Panorama. On the eve of the 50th anniversary of the Genocide convention, a report on the UN's failure to heed warning signs and do something to stop the Rwandan massacres of 1994 – or even acknowledge that they were happening (T) (696007).

H.10 On Side (S) (434849), 11.55 Chicago Hope (S) (T) (326281), 12.40 Weird Science (S) (T) (7385040).

1.00 IIIII How to Make a Monster (Herbert L Strock 1958 US). This silly piece of 1950s anti-drug propaganda has a redundant make-up artist drugging actors' as a redundant make-up artist drugging actors' pancake to convince them that they are Frankenstein and the Werewolf, Unintentionally hilarlous (T) (3674446)

2.15 Joins BBC News 24 (89331514). To 6am.

DOCUMENTARY OF THE DAY

10 8.30 Birds of a Feather. Dorien decides to manage Sharon's modeling career (S) (T) (8765). 7.00 This is Your Life (S) (T) (3200)

# BBC2

News: Weather (†) (6321465). **2.45** On Cue (5) (2902736). **3.25** News; Regional News; Weather (†) (8249216). **3.30** Gardeners' World (R) (S) (†) (736). **4.00** Change That (R) (S) (†) (9348026). **4.25** Ready, Steady, Cook (S) (†) (9342113). **4.56** Lowri (S) (†) (7214939).

5.30 Today's the Day. Marlyn Lewis is back with more questions based around old BBC footage (S) (197).

6.00 The Simpsons. Lisa wages wer against big business and soxism (R) (S) (T) (574286).

**6.20 Space 1999.** The Alphane encounter a living machin The set wobbles in response (T) (648587).

**7.16 Hit, Miss or Maybe** (R) (S) (172858).

7.30 Sound Stories. Pet Evens and her amateur-dramatics company in South Wales prepare for an expensive production of Singin' in the Rein (S) (T) (484).

8.00 The Essential Guide to Rocks. Britain's earliest rock art, Britain's earthquake activity, Cotswold limestone, and lizards in Comwall (S) (T) (7262).

8.30 Food and Drink. Tropical fruit paviova, Christmas cocktalis, and Jilly Goolden finding the overtones of traffic exhaust in château Wandsworth (S) (T) (6397).

9.50 Urgent Action. Human rights (S) (T) (603804). ant sketches (S) (T) (54262).

10.30 Newsnight. With Serah Montague (T) (834769).

**3.20 Child** (32367 Atlack Witch (

and Away (S) (T) (6112858).

rs; Weather (T) (474552)

**6.30 Mollyoaks.** Carol finds out about Lucy's heroin adventures (T) (668).

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**6.00 Roseanne.** Darlene's "Sweet 16" party (R) (S) (T) (216).

5,30 Pet Rescue Roadshow (S) (T) (303).

3.30 IIII Collectors' Lot (T) (804). 4.00 Fifteen to One (T) (939). 4.30 Countdown (T) (9873552). 4.55 Montel Williams (S) (T) (7209007).

1.30 ITINY Ada (Daniel Mann 1961 US). A rather good political melodrama with Susan Hayward and Dean Mertin (T) (35533).

7.00 Channel 4 News; Weather (T) (308397).

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**Artranspennine.** Exhibitions and installations in the North-west of England earlier this year (T) (878200).

8-00 World In Action. Yet another documentary on the destructive effects of alcohol. Is there some agenda in TV-land that we're missing? (S) (T) (7216).

9.00 IGIOIGE McCallun heart-throb Nathaniel below (S) (T) (5026). IN McCallum. John Hannah is replaced by Ithrob Nathaniel Parker. See Drama of the Day,

**rs; Weather** (T) (54216)

10.40 McC (8656 10.30 London Tonight. Regional news update for the capital and the South-East (T) (144939). **Callum.** Conclusion of tonight's drame (S) (T) 823).

11.40 Stuff the Week (S) (821200). 12.10 Public Morals (5322798). 12.45 Nationwide Football League Extra (372576). 1.45 World Football (9984717). 2.10 Club@Vision (S) (3284576). 2.50 Trisha (R) (S) (T) (98857175). 4.00 Soundtrax (S) (67004934). 4.20 ITV Nightscreen (2698595). 5.30 ITN Morning News (10330). To 6am. 3,48

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6.00 GMTV (1456113). 9.25 Trisha (S) (T) (2187804), 10.15 This Morning (T) (52074736). 12.20 Your Shout (6138755). 12.30 News; Weather (T) (43723). 1.00 London Today (T) (77200). 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (S) (T) (7478378). 2.10 Home and Awey (S) (T) (88415910). 2.40 Animal SOS (S) (4929674). 3.10 ITN News Headlines (T) (1368910).

Iren's ITV: Wizadora (R) (1451674), 3,35 Titch (S) 755), 3,50 Sooty & Co (S) (T) (3696378), 4,15 Art k (S) (T) (649246), 4,45 Sabrina, the Teenage (S) (T) (9970465).

ion Tonight (T) (674).

**6.30 London Bridge.** Cliff's recovery is proving traumatic for Isobel. Sam gives Ravi an ultimatum. Nell and Luke take their relationship a step further (S) (246).

7.00 Wish You Were Here...? With Anthea Turner in Ball and Judith Chalmers and Julian Clary in Prague (S) (T) (5668).

nation Street. Greg is furious when Saily fights Natalle ignores Colin's pleas (T) (910).

7.30 Core

8.00 Planet Ustinov. The aged actor reaches India, where he meets a demi-god, rides a brake-cart down the Darjeeling rallway and imitates some Bombay eccentrics (T) (3804).

8.30 **Great Escapes.** A baby kloked by a runaway racehorse, a pilot crashing at an airshow and a puppy trapped in a drain (S) (T) (3823).

9,00 ICHOICE Witness. Sally Becker, the "Angel of Moster". See Documentary of the Day, below (1) (3668).

10.00 Anatomy of Desire. The exploration of human sexual behaviour concludes with a history of romantic love. Does it exist? And can it last? (T) (9156043).

11.05 Reggae Boyz: the Fans (1) (274194). 12.05 To Be a Black Man (1) (7841069). 12.10 Riot (722359). 2.00 Phat Nation (85866). 2.30 Booked (R) (T) (9804330). 3.15 Dispatches (1) (70392). **LILLY Claudia and David** (Walter Lang 1946 US). Dorothy McGuire and Robert Young have a baby (5779021).

5.05 The Thing is...Boredom (R) (S) (T) (7427578), 5.35 Sonic the Hedgshog (1402412), 5.55 Sesame Street (9437953), 70 7am.

# DRAMA OF THE DAY

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Got the picture?

WITNESS: WHERE ANGELS FEAR TO TREAD (9pm C4) Sally Becker (right) is, to say the least, a controversial figure. Dubbed the Angel of Mostar for her blockade-running antics while taking aid to Bosnia, she has gleaned as much criticism as admiration for her endeavours after according to the UN, putting refugees' lives at risk. Here she invites more opprobrium to be beaped upon her, getting shot on a run to Kosovo – and taking a documentary crew with her to witness



MCGALLUM (9pm ITV, right) The cy copies Traggart, Rallykissangel, Dan in simply replacing the central chart the original actor disappeared. They Hamish MucBell soon, Nathaniel Particular and the complete soon. e criminal pathology series
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# FILM OF THE DAY

works to come from the sure directing talent of John Ford. Ford had a touch with the wooden tendencies of John Ford. Ford had a touch with the wooden tendencies of John Wayne (right) that brought out the best in the old stick, and Wayne shines in this tale about a motley crew of wanderers. The drunken doctor, the prostitute, the gambler, the prognant wife, the pompous banker and the Ringo Kid all travel through the weird and beautiful landscape of New Mexico, doing their best to avoid death at the hands of Geronimo and his war partics. Nearly 60 years old, and still stunning.



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6.00 5 News and Sport (S) (6523484), 7.00 WideWorld (S) (T) (6374571), 7.30 Milkshakel (S) (2913571), 7.35 Wimzles House (R) (S) (6658674), 8.00 Havakazoo (R) (S) (7996026), 8.30 Dappledown Ferm (7995397), 9.00 The Great House Game (R) (S) (T) (3529736), 8.25 Russell Grant's Postcards (R) (4454194), 9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (8610823), 10.20 Sunset Beach (S) (T) (7210365), 11.10 Leeza (R) (S) (8862755), 12.00 5 News at Noon (S) (T) (799913), 12.30 Family Aftairs (S) (T) (6373842), 1.30 Sons and Daughters (2519194), 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (S) (1963674), 2.30 Good Afternoon (S) (2564649).

9.35 III Mr Beivedere Rings the Beil (Henry Koster 1951 US). Clifton Webb tries to liven up an old people's home. The sequel, Sitting Pretty, is showing on Wednesday. Top scheduling (86797823).

7.00 The Big Breakfast (S) (T) (27705). 9.00 Home Movies (R) (9897736).

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11.10 **Elim Billy Badmouth.** Short about a boy and his deptilst (1761674), 11.20 Frog (1689026), 11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (R) (S) (T) (8620), 12.00 Sesame Street (51129), 12.30 I Dream of Jeannie (T) (43705), 1.00 Judge Joe Brown (77282).

3.30 IIIM Where the Ladles Go (Theodore J Flicker 1980 US). Passable TV movie about a bar catering to bored housewives and errant husbands. More amiable than it sounds (T) (4965587).

5.10 The Roseanne Show. Roseanne puts in absolutely no effort once again. Joan "No longer A-list" Collins guests (7887151).

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6. 00 100 Per Cent (S) (2725113)

Family Affairs. Nick goes into Pameia's house. Elsa threatens to go on holiday with Annie. Roy causes a rift between Mei and Josh (S) (T) (2716465).

**7.00 5 News, including First on Five.** With Kirsty Young (S) (T) (1861262).

7.30 Watery World. A whale-rescue service off the Newfoundland coast is staffed by volunteers who cut the manmals out of carelessly deployed fishing nets (S) (T) (27/2649).

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8.00 Floyd Uncorked. Kelth Floyd sturps the wines of Provence (5) (1) (1870910).

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8.30 Weather Front. A new series exploring the weather, kicking off with a programme about hurricanes (S) (T) (1962845).

9.00 IIIIM The Wharf Rat (Jimmy Huston 1885 US).
Reasonable made-for-TV actioner casts Judge Reinhold as a bent copper and Lou Diamond Phillips as a crook bent on revenge for the murder of his brother. Good cast, acceptable pacing (S) (1) (68863026).

10.35 Dr Fox's Chart Update (S) (8394215).

10.40 IIIM History of the World - Part 1 (Mel Brooks 1981 US). Brooks set of skits on world history includes the quest for fire, Mossa, the fall of the Roman Empire... As with all of his films, don't expect anything akin to subtlety. This features encless celebrity cameos and narration by Orson Welles (T) (18752484). 12,20 NFL American Football – Live Green Bay Packers vs Tampa Bay Buccaneers (S) (50113865). 4.10 Board Wild (46088717). 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (3468345). 5.30 100 Per Cent (R) (S) (7528834). To 6am.

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